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### Airlift will take 100,000 Kosovans to safety

By Michael Evans, Philip Webster

THOUSANDS of ethnic Albanians are to be given temporary shelter in Britain and other Western countries after another 24 hours of mass exodus

The airlift of refugees was one of a number of emergency measures announced yesterday. Others include a special sanctuary for 100,000 ethnic Albanians to be set up by the UN and Nato at Brazde in the Former Yugoslav Republic of

Nato also intends to send up to 8,000 troops to Albania to help to co-ordinate handling of the refugee crisis there.

The number of refugees earmarked for airlifting out of the region is likely to be at least 100,000. However, governments who have agreed to



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share the burden with Albania and Macedonia emphasised that the longer term objective remained to see them all return safely to their homes in

Julia Taft, America's Assistant Secretary of State, who came face to face with the human misery on the Macedonian border yesterday, described the airlift as a burdensharing exercise, which would

begin in the next few days. The decision to fly refugees out of the region was a total reversal of Britain's previously stated policy which was to encourage the Albanians to stay in the region, to ensure that President Milosevic could not claim that his ethnic cleansing had succeeded.

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national Development Secretary, who was in the region yesterday examining the requirements for helping the refugees in Albania and Macedonia.

gees to Europe, America and Canada also took many White-

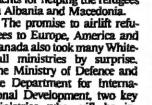
creasingly alarming reports from Macedonia that the Government there could no longer cope with the influx.

Britain is expected to take about 10,000 refugees into hos-tels and other temporary accommodation, on top of the 9,000 Kosovan refugees already here. America is to take

to get these refugees back to their homes and enable them cure environment. The imme-

One government source said the move sat easily with the efforts to get aid to the refugees in the region: "It's all about providing temporary

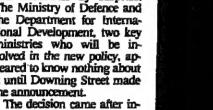
While Nato reiterated its intention of inflicting a sustained bombing campaign on Yugoslav military targets this week, member governments focused much of their energy on trying to resolve the humanitarian crisis.



hall ministries by surprise. The Ministry of Defence and the Department for International Development, two key ministries who will be involved in the new policy, ap-peared to know nothing about it until Downing Street made the announcement.

food and shelter." ment's aim was to avoid dispersing the Kosovo Albanians The Sunday Telegraph, he policy of despair. Bosnia's refu-

Lieutenant General Sir That view was spelt out last Michael Jackson, the British commander who would have sanctuary in Macedonia to ac- campaign as the improved



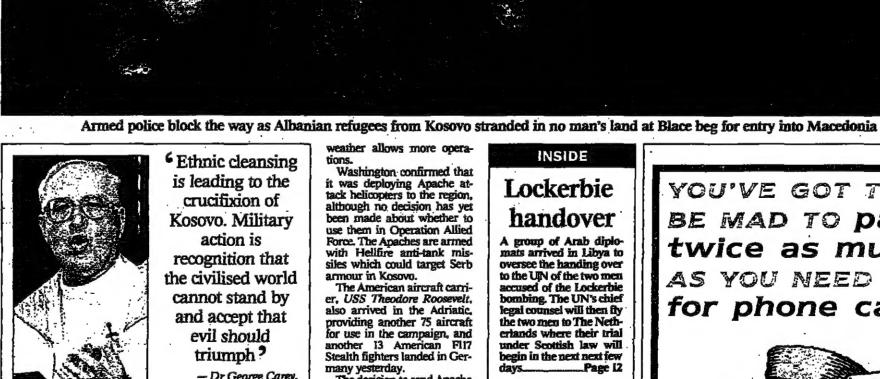
to set up reception centres in towns and cities across the

country, and Jack Straw will discuss numbers with his European counterparts on Wednesday. Yesterday Downing Street would confirm only that "several thousand" would be allowed to come to Britain.

A Downing Street spokesman said: "Our top priority is to rebuild their lives in a sediate requirement is to provide

In a newspaper article published only yesterday. Tony Blair said that the Governaround Europe. Writing in said: "Bosnia showed that is a gees are now scattered across the continent. They will probably never return to their

However, ministers denied there had been a U turn, emphasising that the refugees would be taken only on a temporary basis. They would be given neither permanent homes nor political asylum.



Ethnic cleansing is leading to the crucifixion of Kosovo. Military action is

recognition that the civilised world cannot stand by and accept that evil should triumph?

- Dr George Carey. page 6

Nato's proposed 28,000-man peace implementation force in Kosovo had there been a settlement, was authorised yesterday to take charge of the relief operation. And top UN and EU officials met Nato ambassadors at the alliance's Brussels headquarters last

night to co-ordinate plans. Jamie Shea, the Nato spokesman, said that allied soldiers were already providing accommodation for 20,000 refugees in makeshift tent cities.

commodate 100,000 refugees was put forward by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. It will be run by the UN and Nato at Brazde. Senior Foreign Offices sources said that the object was to give the Albanians somewhere to go as they fled the "killing grounds".

After another weekend of sustained bombing, which included more strikes on barracks, bridges, fuel depots and oil refinery, there were further moves yesterday to boost the The proposal to create a firepower available for the air weather allows more opera-

Washington confirmed that it was deploying Apache at-tack helicopters to the region, although no decision has yet been made about whether to use them in Operation Allied Force. The Apaches are armed with Hellfire anti-tank mis-siles which could target Serb

armour in Kosovo. The American aircraft carrier, USS Theodore Roosevelt, also arrived in the Adriatic, providing another 75 aircraft for use in the campaign, and another 13 American F117 Stealth fighters landed in Ger-

many yesterday. The decision to send Apache helicopters was seen as a potentially risky option, because of the need to operate low-flying attacks to hit Yugoslav tanks and artillery, making

the air crews vulnerable. There were also indications yesterday that US forces in Macedonia might be preparing to fire multiple launch rockets over the border against Yugoslav forces in Kosovo. although permission would have to be sought from

the government in Skopje. A meeting of the Contact Group has been arranged for Wednesday to review ways of finding a political solution to

#### Lockerbie handover

A group of Arab diplo-mats arrived in Libya to oversee the handing over to the UIN of the two men accused of the Lockerbie bombing. The UN's chief legal counsel will then fly the two men to The Netherlands where their trial under Scottish law will begin in the next next few

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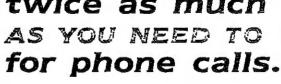
The Post Office is planning to spend up to £1.5 billion taking over rival postal businesses overseas. The plan may an-ger consumer groups which want the organisation to improve domestic

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Republican leaders sought to placate grass roots fears of a Sinn Fein sellout by describing the latest Anglo-Irish demands for the IRA to disarm as dangerous and provocative......Page 10

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Henman lifts home hearts Tim Henman outfought Todd

Martin 4-6 7-5 6-3 7-6 (7-4) in an enthralling Davis Cup match yesterday to bring Great Britain level 2-2 with one singles still to play.

With both men increasingly exhausted after the previous two days. Henman went for his shots and managed to turn around the world group firstround match that appeared a lost cause. He also proved to the ecstatic 9,500 crowd in Birmingham that he can respond

to the most intense pressure.

Henman's match hinged on a questionable line call after Martin had broken for a 4-3 lead in the second set and was leading 30-15. A Martin volley was called out to the annoy-

ance of the American team. Martin, still gnawing at what he saw as a hometown decision, allowed Henman to break back and the balance of the match suddenly shifted. Henman won seven of the next eight games and Martin was mentally a beaten man.

"To be frank I think the

ble call and then the crowd started to roar," Henman said. "I think it was in, but it just goes to show how something so small can change a match. Suddenly it was 4-4 and I'm back in there."

match turned on a questiona-

Martin, one of the most unperturbable men in tennis, agreed the disputed call had been vital although he was angry with himself that he had allowed it to distract him.

Henman's tie, page 25

Tim Henman after his Davis Cup win yesterday



#### BALKANS WAR: REFUGEE CRISIS

MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES

### US airlift plan for refugees sows confusion

CONFUSION last night surrounded the planned evacua-tion of 100,000 Kosovan refugees to Europe and the US.

The rescue operation was announced yesterday by President Clinton's emissary. Julia Taft, after she saw the misery of the thousands stranded on a muddy riverbank on the Macedonian frontier.

The US assistant secretary of state called the ambitious airlift "a burden-sharing exer-cise", adding: "It will begin in the next few days and we will take large numbers in temporary asylum until they can go home in safety.

After wading through ankle-deep mud to speak to ref-ugees she said: "American, Britain and other govern-ments will announce the exact numbers they are prepared to take at a summit in Brussels on Tuesday."

Her announcement clearly caught British officials by surprise as they thought they had succeeded at the weekend in persuading the Skopje Government to allow the refugees a sanctuary in Macedonia.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretury, persuaded the authorities to let British troops build a "tented city" at Brazbe, four miles from the squalor of the makeshift refugee camp at the Blace border post.

Emma Bonino, the European Union aid Commissioner, directly criticised plans to fly refugees to distant temporary shelters and predicted horrendous practical problems.

How do you choose 10,000 refugees?." she asked. "How do you take them away? How do you airlift 50,000 people? It made more sense to pay neighboring countries to provide

The Brussels meeting tomorrow will consider plans for distributing at least 100,000 of the refugees among the 15 EU member states. Britain would take 10.000, Germany 40,000, Greece 5,000 and Norway 6,000. In addition Turkey is to Allies disagree over tactics for dealing with

#### disaster, writes **Daniel McGrory**

in Skopje

accept 20,000, Canada 5,000 and the United States 20,000. Other countries have offered to take unspecified numbers. Nato is determined that the

refugees should eventually go home. "The idea is not to have a new refugee population floataround Europe," Jamie Shea, Nato's spokesman, said. More than 300,000 Kosovo

Albanians have now been expelled by Serbian forces since the Nato offensive began. Nato estimates that at the current rate, President Milosevic could empty the province of its 1.8 million ethnic Albanians within two weeks.

British charities yesterday agreed that efforts should be made to house the refugees in neighbouring Balkan states before sending them to Britain and other European countries. An Oxfam spokeswoman

said: "We welcome any move to help refugees, but taking them away from the region should only be done if there is no other way of looking after them. Our view is that in the long term the refugees should be able to return home. Therefore it is best that they should be housed as close to Kosovo as possible."

Save the Children also expressed concern about "dis-



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placing" large numbers of refu-gees. A spokesman said: "Stay-ing close by is preferable and we are trying to give the help and support needed on to enable this to happen.

"There are always issues about displacing people from their networks of support. such as family and friends, so removing them to different countries in Western Europe is not necessarily the ideal option. Our understanding from working with these refugees is they want support in return-

ing home as soon as possible. Hundreds of British troops meanwhile laboured to finish the tented camp at Brazbe. The first 2,000 refugees arrived in six buses last night. They were registered by Macedonian officials and given their first hot meal in more than a week, prepared by British Army chefs.

The tented sanctuary, built on wasteland beside a factory on the main road from the border. can shelter up to 100,000 refugees. Nato troops are building five other camps inside Macedonia. The British view is that the

refugees should stay here, fed and policed by British troops, until diplomatic settlement means they can be repatriated. However, Macedonian officials said yesterday they regard the new tent city as a transit camp". One senior official said: "The refugees can be registered, given medical help,

date them. We can't." The Macedonians say they only allowed the construction of the camp to facilitate the evacuation operation.

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another country can accommo-

Clare Short, the overseas aid Minister, seemed confused about details of the evacuation plan when she arrived in Macedonia yesterday. Asked about the numbers Britain was taking, she said: "We're trying to help but as I've only just got here ask me when I leave." She is due to visit Blace later

today By then she will have

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all have to help and I have pledges from many govern-

asylum. We want these people It was the plight of these refugees that caused the Ameri-



government ministers. charities and Nato chiefs about how best to deal with the crisis. A column of another 80.000 refugees said to stretch more than 40 miles is heading towards the Macedonian frontier where troops are under orders to stop them crossing.

cans to make their sudden announcement yesterday. Mrs Taft was adamant the airlift would begin today using returning empty aid flights. "We

to go home." She said the Americans and others are considering chartering ships to move the huge numbers involved.

ments. This is only temporary

One senior US official visiting Macedonia said: "There has been some armtwisting on both sides in the past 24 hours. You will see Skopje getting substantial aid but the refugees need help so was the refugees need help so was the but som demand if you wish. but something has to be done."

British charities have been inundated with offers of support, both financial and practical, with many people offering free accommodation.

John Rubenstein, a lawyer with two sons, was disappointed after ringing the British Army, offering a room in his family home in Wandsworth, south-west London. He said: "After seeing distressing news reports of the thousands stranded by the Macedonian border closure, I felt that I had to do something to help. The Macedonians are saying that they can only come through if they have somewhere to go. But when I rang the Army. they could not advise me what

Mr Rubenstein, whose grandfather took in a Jewish refugee in London during the Second World War, said: "I am sure there are hundreds

should draw up a list of volun-

Vourneen Gleeson, of west London, who rang The Times asking for advice on the best way to help, said: "I have a big house with empty rooms." However, charities urged

people to pledge money rather than accommodation as they prepared to launch an appeal tomorrow. The Disasters Emergency Committee is to make television and newspa pers appeals on behalf of 12 aid agencies, including the British Red Cross, Oxfam, Save the Children, Help the Aged and Christian Aid.

Individual appeals by the British Red Cross and Oxfam launched in the middle of last week have already raised

A spokeswoman for Chris-tian Aid said: "We have had about 900 calls but none of the charities has been going full tilt until now because we wanted to see what the level of need would be."

Small local appeals have also been established, such as the East Midlands Kosovo Appeal set up on Friday by the Beth Shalom Holocaust Memorial Centre in Nottingham. Rome: Italy, which already has a sizeable population of Albanian immigrants, has made clear it would prefer refugees to stay in Albania and has set up refugee camps in Kukes and Durres. It has prepared refugee camps along the southern coast, but has argued that refugees should stay as close as possible to their homeland.

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#### Cook accused of lying over crisis

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NATIONS OFFERING REFUGE

JOHN BRUTON, the former Irish Prime Minister, last night accused Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, of not telling the truth about the refugee crisis prompted by attacks on Yugoslavia.

Mr Bruton, the leader of Ireland's Fine Gael main opposition party, said Mr Cook was "simply not making a truthful statement when he said no one could have foreseen a refugee crisis on the scale of the one now happening in the Balkans following the Nato decision to bomb Yugoslavia while refusing to commit. ground troops under any circumstances"

The former Dublin premier added: "He is wrong. The present refugee crisis was not only foreseeable. it was foreseen. It is profoundly dishonest to pretend otherwise."

Mr Bruton said he had predicted the crisis himself before the bombing, and pointed to a prediction made in Berlin by the Swedish opposition leader and former Bosnia mediator Carl Bildt, who forecast one million refugees within two weeks of the start of the

Mr Bruton said: "The whole disastrous operation was driven by the something-must-be-done school of diplomacy, generated by television images and im-

age-conscious politicians. "Kosovo is in Europe. It is a European problem. The vagaries of United States public opinion should not be dictating either what wars are started in Europe, or how they are conduct-

Mr Bruton called for a four-day pause in the bombing to coincide with next. weekend's Orthodox Christian Easter, and said that a European figure not involved in the Nato decision should be requested toseek a negotiated settlement in that period.

☐ Paris: France cannot accept "massive" numbers of Kosovo refugees, preferring the despatch of humanitarian aid to help them out in countries bordering Kosovo, a government source said. "The essential thing is to ensure that the Kosovans can return to their homeland," the source said. Lionel Jospin, the Prime Minister, was said to be dealing with humanitari-

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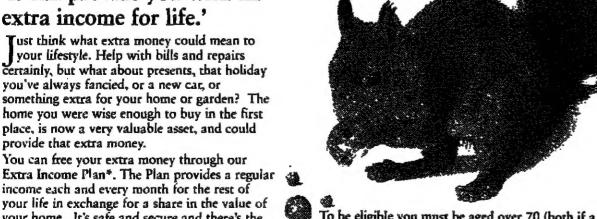
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### Video footage strengthens the West's resolve to end violence

THESE shocking video pic-tures of Albanians killed by the Serbs in Kosovo on the day the Nato bombing campaign started reinforced the alliance's determination yester-day to end the violence in the Yugoslav province.

The video, taken covertly by an ethnic Albanian, Milian Bellanica, and shown on BBC television at the weekend, revealed the gruesome death of about 100 men from the village of Krusa-E-Madhe, near Pec on March 24.

Of the 19 bodies shown in the two-minute film, many appeared to have been shot in the back of the neck. Mr Bel-lanica said 100 men, most aged between 20 and 30, had

Doug Henderson, the Armed Forces Minister, said yesterday: "The reports of atrocities took a gruesome turn with the film shown by the BBC about the grisly mas-



The body of an Albanian in a secretly made film

sacre of 19 men in the village of Krusa-E-Madhe."

He added: "That film shows in vivid terms the barbarity of Serbian troops and police, and explains all too clearly why thousands of people are flee-

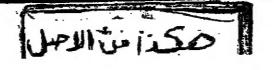
Mr Bellacina, who smuggled the video across the Kosovo border into Albania. told the BBC: "They were killed one by one. A group of Serbs were on the top of the hill. Others came from behind. Our men were captured and the Serbs killed them one after the

He added: "I have done this so that my son, my grandson, the next generation, will never forget what the Serbs have done to the Albanian people."
The women and children

been taken away, and some of the men had tried to escape but were shot, Mr Bellacina said. He produced a list of 26 names of the men who had He told the BBC that he had a

hidden for a week before smultgling the video out of Kosovo.

Aid call: Alex Salmond last night called for a massive its crease in humanitarian aid \$ save the lives of Kosovan Albanian refugees. The Scottish Mattional Party leader said National Party leader said National an "inescapable responsability to step up the aid effort and called for as much to be spent on humanitarian relief as on the bombing campaign. Mr Salmond provoked fury by criticising the campaign in a television broadcast last week. At a function of Scots Asians for Independence in Paisley, he called for a "humanitarian front" to be opened and reiterated his claim that the bombing campaign was counter



#### BALKANS WAR: MACEDONIAN NIGHTMARE

### Fleeing families detained in PoW camps



Daniel McGrory in Radusa witnesses the plight of fenced-in ethnic Albanians refused entry by Macedonia

THEY thought they had found sanctuary after fleering Kosovo, but 1,000 refugees were last night held at gunpoint in what they described as a hill-

Hanging on to the wire fencing, they pleaded with Mace-donian soldiers to let them contact relatives willing to shelter them, but their cries were ignored. Two men who climbed over the wire were beaten by troops in riot gear who threw them, bleeding, back into the compound, shouting they would shoot anyone else trying to escape.

In the past week these men - like the other thousand occupants of this camp in Radusa - have been forced from their homes by masked Serb gunmen. herded onto trains, made to walk five miles through minefields and then stranded at a muddy ravine at the frontier without food or shelter.

Rudi Fukta, 36, pointed to the Macedonian soldiers, saying: "Is this the world's idea of helping the Kosovan refugees, to point machineguns at us in a prison camp?"

The occupants at Radusa were given no choice in where they were taken after they were moved from the border at the weekend. All vesterday the gates of the main camp hoping their relatives behind the wire could go home with them. Some offered bribes to the camp guards. As darkness fell, almost all left disappointed, promising to return today with food and clothes.

Feriz Dinarici was not prepared to wait another night to free his two-year-old daughter. Whispering to her, he pushed the frightened child under the sharp wire fence where his sister was waiting on the other side. Ajita, aged two, screamed as the wire scratched her face and tried to hold onto the fence shouting she did not want to be parted from her father. Her aunt had put her hand across Ajita's mouth to stifle the child's cries, fearing it would alert the police guard, who was swapping cigarettes just yards away.

Touching his daughter's face. Mr Dinarici told her: "Go, go now and be safe. I will see you soon." As the crowd helped to smuggle her away he sank to his knees in the mud, weeping uncontrollably.

His wife had died six months ago, he said. "My child is all I have. Our home has gone, all our possessions are lost, and I don't know when or if I will leave here."



taken by bus along the narrow path to this tented camp were not told where they were going. Many had been separated from family in the chaos at the border and when they arrived in darkness at Radusa, they waited all night in the hope they would be reunited.

Mimola Huti, 18. last saw her father being hit by a police truncheon as he struggled to help her and her sister. Besa, 16, to clamber up the muddy slope to where a bus was already pulling away.

Miss Huti explained she had a family in Skopje and Turkey who could accommodate them. "So why are we humiliated like this in a prison? There is one toilet for 600 women and children. We only get bread and cartons of milk.

"There's no electricity or running water. We have to collect our water in plastic bottles and then wash in the open. We sleep on the grass which is so wet it soaks through the sieepave here." ing bags. It is degrading and Kosovans unnecessary when most of us have places to go. No one will tell us what has happened to our father. If he is still at the frontier, he cannot last there much longer, as he has a heart

Twenty-three refugees died in the mud on the Blace fron-tier over the weekend, including one woman as she gave birth to her first child. Ten other children were born in

medic described how he tried to reach a woman who had gone into labour as a soldier lashed out at him with a trun-

Xhelal Aziri said: "He kept hitting me on the chest and I put up my arms to protect my head. The woman was screaming and the crowd were pushing her forward towards me. She was trying to hold on to

#### 6 Is this the world's idea of helping us, pointing machineguns at us?

the middle of this squalor on the riverside as relatives tried to find a scrap of clean blanket or cloth to keep the newborn

Two hundred yards away from where they were sinking in ankle-deep mud, cardboard boxes of blankets and sleeping hags were left in the rain by the roadside.

her other children, who could have been no more than three years old.

"People are also losing their mind in that field. We know at least four have tried to kill themselves. This is an inhuman way to treat people who have suffered enough."

One man knelt by the stretcher where his father lay to brush the mod from the blanket that only partly cov-ered the old man's body as a succession of voluntary aid workers walked past him, ignoring his plight. "How can they allow a man to escape the Serbs and then die in a friendly country?

Throughout the day a succession of diplomats, local politicians, aid organisers and other VIPs came to see the disgrace of Blace for themselves. They all left shaking their heads, saying something must be done urgently but

could not say exactly what.

President Clinton's emissary, Julia Taft, a US co-ordinator for refugee relief. walked in her boots to the edge of the crowd and told them: "Milosevic is to blame for this and we and Nato are here to help you." When it was apparent she had no food or drink to offer, nor could she help those at the front of this sea of faces to be allowed into Macedonia the crowd turned away in dis-

Sheets or brown plastic sheeting were strung out between the few trees that had not been cut down for firewood. Women queued in theirthousands to wash clothes, drink and defecate in the same

The few bealth workers at Blace appealed last night for more water tanks, warming cholera could take a grip among the 40,000 refugers here, some of whom had been waiting for four days. On a railway track behind them, another 60,000 refugees are said to be trapped in no man's land. A cordon of Macedonian soldiers are preventing any aid workers reaching these

forgotten fugitives. The aid operation is still woefully slow, with Western charities complaining that authorities in Skopje are preventing them from launching the mas-sive supply line needed to belp those stranded at the frontier. and those still being expelled from Kosovo. One British charity gave up yesterday and sent -fighting for food."

30,000 packed meals it had to

Albania instead
Yugoslav security forces
meanwhile kept up the pressure on Macedonia's borders yesterday, driving another trainload of refugees at gunpoint to join tens of thousands in a sea of mud and.

excrement Witnesses said the security forces fired guns over the heads of ethnic Albanian refugees as they were forced to walk from the train about two miles from Blace, a border post about a half-hour's drive from Skopje, the capital of Macedonia.

Yannis Belmakis, a Reuters photographer, was one of a handful of journalists who managed to bypass heavy police cordons and get into the refugee field where about 50,000 people are stranded in a no man's land of misery and filth. "It is crazy," Mr Behrakis said. "The ground is covered with human excrement and they (the refugees) are

### British aid workers warned to expect Skopje hostility

being warned not to drive their vehicles after dark in Skopje as the backlash begins in Macedonia over the thousands of refugees pouring across its borders.

A car owned by one British charity was vandalised and a volunteer was threatened by a gang of youths in the capital at the weekend.

A senior British aid official said: "The mood is polarising in this country about what to do with the refugees, and 1 fear we and Nato will feel the effect of it very soon."
The six British charities

here say the Macedonian authorities are being "deliberately obstructive" in register-ing aid organisations to help in the humanitarian crisis. Children's Aid Direct waited so long they decided to divert the 37,000 food parcels

meant for Macedonia to Albania instead. Government ministers insisted last night Macedonia will take no more refugees. More than 115,000 are believed to be in the country already and another 60,000 are trapped in no man's land in minefields close to the fron-

tier. Thousands more are still

Albanian leaders

being expelled from Kosovo.

Albanian leaders in Macedonia say

the authorities are blackmailing

many of whom are relatives.

He complained that only

Ministers ruled that in

The Slav parties argue that if Macedonia allows an open border the delicate ethnic mix of the country will be violently upset. Radmilla Kiprijanova, the Deputy Prime Minister, said at the weekend: "The refugees will disturb public order and cause the economic col-

Refugees waiting on a bus at the Macedonian border village of Blace, where about

50,000 people are being kept isolated in makeshift camps with scant supplies

the West, Daniel McGrory writes

ment of using the refugees as tansom to get millions in Western aid.

Arben Jafare, leader of the weekend was related to the

Democratic Party of the Albanians, which is part of the rul-ing coalition, said Albanian families here could accommodate at least 100,000 refugees.

Albanian schools had been closed in order to be used as temporary shelters and that the Government had gone back on a plan to use gymnasi-ums and the national football stadium after protests from its Slav supporters.

future the refugees would go where they were told and be held in camps until other countries accepted them.

growing ethnic rivalry. Albanians already make up nearly 40 per cent of the popu-

lation. One government official said: "If 250,000 or more come, as some estimate expect, then in a population of two million it is bound to

The language being used ministers is increa inflammatory. Pavel Trajanov. the Internal Affairs Minister, said one reason for strict border controls was that eration Army were trying to find sanctuary posing as refu-gres. He said the refugees were carrying diseases that Albania has eradicated. He then hinted the Government might ban demonstrations over the

tment of the refugees. Slav commentators de-scribed the country as being on a "war footing" as military reserves were called up in a general mobilisation. ernment is worried that if

diplomatic settlement, the majority Albanians in western Macedonia will elect to

We will not allow our state to fragment as the rest of Yugoslavia has done, with bloody consequences," a senior government source said. Our economy is fragile and we can't afford this influx."

The number of unemployed is more than 300,000, though the Albanians say their communities suffer worst.

US diplomats visiting Macedonia at the weekend say the Government is looking for substantial aid packages and help with its existing debts. The Government has asked the EU for a large loan, saying: "We don't need food supplies, we need money."

Ministers were rejuctant to allow Nato to get involved in the humanitarian relief operation, fearing that this might provoke the Serbs.

There was criticism of Nato's air attacks after reports that two stray Harm missiles had fallen on two border villages in the past 72 hours. Nato was accused of show

ing "a very unserious attitude to this problem" by Aleksandr Teimitrov, the Foreign Minister. Nato chiefs in Skopje say they are investigating the ☐ Tirana: Albania is willing

to accept up to 100,000 Kosovo refugees on the Macedonian border, provided it is given the resources to look after them. One Schily, Germany's day. The Albanian Government is willing to take in a contingent of up to 100,000 on condition that the international community guarantees the necessary support," he told re-porters while visiting a refugee camp here. "Albania cannot do it on its own."

Herr Schily, speaking after meeting Pandeli Majko, the Albanian Prime Minister, said it might be necessary to provide financial support to the Government as well as aid

I can't decide that off the cuff here, but basically we will have to help in this way as

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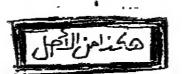
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#### BALKANS WAR: THE AID OPERATION

### Mercy flights start to reach border victims

AMERICAN and French helicopters arrived in Albania yesterday, carrying emergency aid to hundreds of thousands of refugees whose exodus from Kosovo threatens to overwhelm local authorities.

The aircraft will establish an air bridge in a belated attempt to bring food and shel-ter to about 200,000 exhausted and terrified refugees. Yesterday they continued to pour through three border points into Albania, fleeing what Nato has called President Milosevic's attempt at "ethnic re-

engineering". Near Kukes, a border town in northeast Albania which has borne the brunt of the exodus, the first helicopters touched down with desperately needed food. About 1,200lb



The aid race is on against hunger, exposure and an increasing risk of dysentery, writes Sam Kiley in Kukes

of military rations were flown from Tirana airport, where the first planes bringing international humanitarian aid landed. The helicopters, which had been in Bosnia with the Nato-led stabilisation force, will bring 1.5 tonnes of aid a day to Kukes, linked to the rest of Albania by one crumbling

Stunned by the lack of plan-ning by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Nato for a refugee emergency when Nato began airstrikes two weeks ago, the Albanian Government has taken over co-ordination of an operation which will involve up to 8,000 Nato troops on Albanian territory.

The UN could have predicted this disaster. We did. We didn't expect it to be so big, but it doesn't take a genius to see that if you start a war there will be refugees, especially as there was already 'ethnic cleansing' in Albania," said a



Refugee children race to meet the first French army helicopters bringing humanitarian aid to makeshift camps at Kukes in Albania yesterday

But for tens of thousands of

spokesman for the Tirana Government. He said his administration could cope only with the 200,000 people estimated to have fled into Albania so far. "We expect to get up to half a million, some say more.

There is no way we could cope as the refugees face severe with that," he said.

In Kukes, the administrative headquarters of the relief effort, the price of food and other basics has more than doubled. Local people as well

ugee camp would be a luxury food shortages, and aid workers received the first reports of compared with what they have recently endured. Last Friday at midnight an outbreak of dysentery.

Kosovo Albanians, the proshome of Susanna Sahia and orpect of being held in a Nato refdered the men to separate from the wom-

en. "They de-6 They wanted manded money and threatened to shoot one of money, so I our men. or a baby. ( paid them, and then they shot my hus-

band," she said. Dajkavica's original popula-tion of 120,000 had been swollen by about 50.000 displaced

people from earlier purges. With the latest Serb pogrom now into high gear, most have been forced to flee on foot south through the Monice border crossing or to negotiate a narrow mountain track through a minefield to the windswept and freezing crossing at Qafa e Prushit.

At the weekend refugees tramped to safety through the crossing at a rate of 90 per minute. The scale of the Serb ethnic cleansing and battles with what remains of the Kosovo Liberation Army could be gauged by the near-constant thump of artillery and mortars in the distance. Heavy cloud apparently prevented Nato from striking back at tanks and artillery which have

ans. Hoping to find food, shelter, and clean water, they were bitterly disappointed. The refugees arrived on the muddy Serbs came into the Dajkavica pass and collapsed on souling

> walking. Try to get to sheller was the best advice the handful of aid workers at the border and offer.

Asim Dema, a

typesetter, said

that he had seen

the bodies of 27

people in Diako-

vica who had

ground only to be told to keep

paid them. Then they shot

been burnt by my husband? the Serbs in their home. He said down as he walked past Serbs

who put a young man against a wall and shot him. "The whole city is being burnt. We were given no time to pack, we were just thrown onto the street," he said as he continued to walk among a stream of people about ten

miles long. They marched under the gaze of a Serb position about 100 yards from the crossing. The elderly and disabled were

carried in wheelbarrows. Ama Annan, a spokeswoman for the British charity Christian Aid, acknowledged that the aid agencies had been caught off guard by the disaster. Yesterday she witnessed three deaths. A six-month-old baby died overnight on a freezbeen turned on civilian homes ing hillside along with her to hasten the exodus of Kosmother. An elderly man was ovo's 1.8 million ethnic Albani- found dead in his blankets.

### Montenegrins prepared to die for Serbia

HERE in Raci, a remote vil-lage 25 miles outside Podgorica, the Montenegrin capital, there are no "traitors" and no "servants of Nato". This is hardcore Slobodan Milosevic country, and the simple people who live in this barren farming area say they would die for a united Serbia.

If the political graffiti etched on the walls are any indication, these people are more than extreme: "All Serbs unit-ed in Serbia", the slogan used throughout the "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia-Herzegovina, is painted on buildings.

in a small café a portrait of Mr Milosevic hangs on the wall and underneath it, drinking a beer and painting his vision of the future of Montenegro is Rajko Rajkovic, a worker whose family has lived in Raci for generations. He is not a Montenegrin, he says fiercely, but a proud Serb, "And since the Nato bombing," he says, "I am even more of a Serb. Someone is going to stay in this country. And it will be the Serbs. They can't shoot

every single one of us."
His wife, Divna, and his three children nod in agreement. Other villagers are openly hostile to foreigners after the Naw bombing of the bridges in Belgrade and Novi Sad.

Like many people, the villagers of Raci are preparing for a long war. If fighting broke out, it would be between those who are loyal to the pro-West President Djukanovic, and those who follow Mr Milosevic and his puppet. Momir Bulatovic, Prime Minister of the federal Government, whose relatives come from this village. In the hills above Podgorica, there are more tanks and hardware moving on the roads and earlier in the week there were armed dolice suspers loyal to Presiden. Djukanovic on the rooftops of the parliament

There is also a sense of impending doom: everyone here is terrified of being drawn into the conflict that is taking place

Villagers show their support for Milosevic, writes

Janine di Giovanni

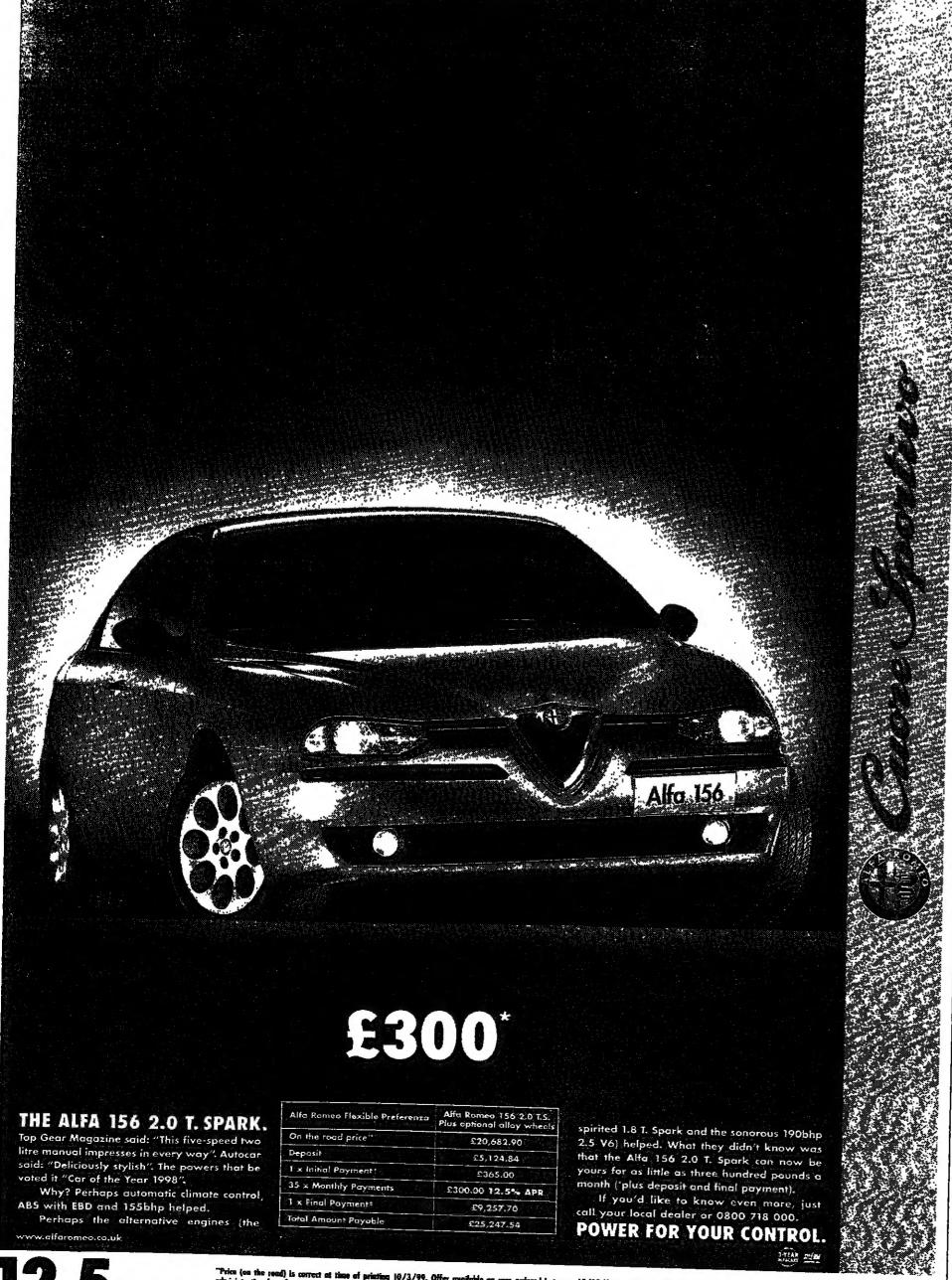
three hours from the capital. Already there has been an exodus of Muslim Montenegrins who fear what might happen should Mr Milosevic and his troops move in here as is expected. To ensure that does not happen, a stream of characters loyal to the Government have turned up. One of them. a distinguished 80-year-old general from Belgrade (who asked not to be identified for the sake of his family) arrived here ten days ago to fight if needed.

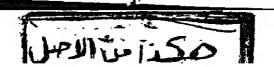
One of the more heroic fighters of the partisan war, he also comes from Cetinje and is fiercely proud of his Montenegrin roots. By the age of 21. he was plucked from his Young Communist group to lead a battalion of 340 men ambushing Italian tanks and fighting in the mountains of Bosnia during the bloody win-ter war of 1941-12.

"One rose quickly in those days." he says. "At that time, you became older and more clever with double speed. Events made us older." After the war, he became a National Hero, Yugoslavia's highest dis-tinction, and was later a distinguished diplomat.

When the bombing began II days ago, he began to hear rumours of trouble brewing in Montenegro. He left his invalid wife, son and grand-children and drove straight

"I said. I must go to my porpie, to my country," he says "Okay. I'm old, but I can be of some use. I can give advice 1 can even fight with the younger people if that is what they





### Germans fear repetition of Bosnia burden

more than 300,000 refugees during the Bosnian and Croatian conflicts, is bracing itself for a new wave of asylum seekers from Kosovo.

This time, though, it wants a strict share-out of refugees among European Union counttries, with larger states such as Britain shouldering a bigger share of the burden.

The country's bishops used their Easter sermons yesterday to urge Germans to accept more refugees and not regard them as a burden. How many refugees are destined for Germany, and how quickly they will arrive, was still unclear. We will take an appropriate number." Gerhard Schröder, the Chancellor, said at the weekend.

Officials said that probably meant about 10,000 Kosovans out of a total of 20,000 who will be allocated to the European Union. But these numbers are only vague target figures.

For about a year thousands of Kosovo Albanians have been crossing the Czech bor-

Kosovo crisis promises more

asylum-seekers, writes Roger

**Boyes** in Bonn to £3,000 each to "people smugglers". These same groups are

trawling the makeshift refugee camps in Macedonia and Albania: in return for life savings or for the firm promise of cash from relatives already in Germany, the smugglers undertake to remove whole families from their misery. Four thousand Kosovans ar-

rived in Germany last year by these illegal channels. Border police believe that many more will now come across the steep wooded paths of the Lausitz mountains bordering south-

eastern Germany.
Otto Schily, the Interior Minister, arrived yesterday in Macedonia and is expected to middle of the week.

He will probably propose large on-the-spot assistance the German Air Force is already flying out 100 tonnes of food and medicine a day - immediate acceptance for a small number of medically urgent cases, and a larger quota to be worked out with other EU

Refugee lobby groups such as Pro Asyl want far more. "Since 200,000 Bosnians have returned home since the signing of the Dayton agreement, there is space available for the Kosovans," said a Pro Asyl

The large influx of Bosnians in the early 1990s put an almost intolerable burden on the German political system. Many were put in improvised mobile homes on the fringes of east German villages.

This sparked resentment from the east Germans, who were unhappy at the way they have been treated by Bonn after unification. The friction contributed to the rise of radical neo-Nazi groups and racist



Bosnian orphans who spent four years in Germany are returned to Sarajevo at the weekend. Now Germans await a wave of Kosovan refugees

violence in the mid-1990s. Asylum rules were tightened by the Government and it is now not uncommon for refugees to be rejected immediately at the airport and sent back by the

same plane. Under the rules the asylum-seekers passing through a "safe country" such as neighbouring Poland or the Czech Republic - must first claim asylum there.

At the Berlin summit ten days ago, European Union leaders had issued a warning that "on the eve of the 21st century Europe cannot tolerate a

But instead of offering to welcome refugees with open arms they had a "duty to ensure the

Kosovo refugees in the Bal-kans. This line has buckled somewhat because of the emotional power of television foor-



Srebenica fugitives at a UN camp in 1995. A Bosnian influx to east Germany created tensions there

### Pacifists take the lead in world of war

marchers have been turning out in their thousands in the first serious anti-war protest since the Gulf War. Pacifism, it is said, is set for a revival, and the Bonn Government - made up of two parties with pacifist traditions could soon be heading for trouble. Certainly, there is unease at the grassroots. At the weekend, the Greens pressed for a special party congress to set the limits of

military engagement. Yet there is unlikely to be a revolution. Wars can consolidate power. Gerhard Schröder looks stronger than at any time since winning the elections last autumn. He is flanked by his Defence Minister, Rudolf Scharping — once regarded

#### **INSIDE GERMANY**



BY ROGER BOYES

as a beardless failure but now tipped to be the next Nato Secretary-General and by the Green Foreign Minister. Joschka Fischer.

All three were once stern critics of US policy in Vietnam. Now, in taking Germany into its first war for over half a century, they look like the men who really run the country.

It is Herr Fischer's task to keep his party on side in the Social Democratic-Green Government. He does this by presenting Nato as the military wing of Amnesty International. A recent headline captured the spirit Dictators Look Out -The 1968ers Are In

Charge". It is in the nature of the new crusaders that the European interest - peace on the continent - takes precedence over the rather ill-defined German national inthe 1968ers has thus evolved from stone-throwing anti-Americanism to support for bomb-dropping American planes - a strange transition, but one with an internal logic embraced by the Green power

elite, if not by their voters.

For both sides of the debate, the reference point is the Holocaust. The pro-war writers and politicians say Germany's tragedy was its failure to get rid of Hitler before he embarked on mass murder. The anti-war faction says Germany's debt to Europe — and espe-cially to Serbia, which suf-fered terribly — is to keep its bombers on the ground. The most fundamental

problem, though, centres on the sincerity of the US commitment. It is that germ of doubt. nervously suppressed, that has the capacity to split open the Social Democratic and Green Parties. There is a cynical whisper going around Bonn, and it is this: what if America is merely using the Kosovo war as a rehearsal for the war it really wants to fight - the one that ousts

Saddam Hussein?

As a foreign affairs article recently pointed out, the Clinton Administration has been considering the "roll back" options for Saddam. The policy mix looks uncannily like that currently being applied in the Balkans: airstrikes, funding, arming and training the opposition. Whatever political settlement emerges out of Kosovo, it will demand a decade of on-the-ground enforcement

merican concentration, my world-wea-Ty German friends suggest, may well waiver. Colonel Gaddafi survived Ronald Reagan; Saddam survived George Bush. Perhaps, just perhaps. President Clinton would like to leave office as the man who finally toppled Saddam. If so, peace in the Balkans will become an almost exclusively European responsibility - a thought that terrifies the

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**BALKANS WAR: THE CHURCHES' VIEW** 

### Pope prays for lifeline

initiatives to end the war in Kosovo have fallen on deaf ears, yesterday made an impassioned plea for Belgrade to allow a humanitarian corridor to be opened so help could be sent to the mass of people stranded on the borders.

In his Easter message in St Peter's Square, he spoke of "a corri-dor of hope" amid "the din of war, the whistle of shells and the fire of bombs".

Giving his traditional Urbi Et Orbi address the Pope, 78, appeared deeply troubled by what he called "this tragic spectacle of hatred and violence". He spoke under sunny skies on a warm spring day to a crowd of more than 150,000, offering Easter greetings in 60 languages, including Serbo-Croat and Albanian. But his tone was sombre, almost

despairing. "How can Christ's message of joy and hope be made to resound when so many parts of the world are submerged in sorrow and tears?" he asked. "How can we speak of peace when people are forced to flee, when they are hunted down and their homes are burnt to the ground, when the heavens are rent by the din of war. when the whistle of shells is heard around people's homes and the ravaging fire of bombs consumes

Pontiff's Easter plea is for 'a corridor of hope', writes **Richard Owen** in Rome



The Pope pauses yesterday during his Easter Mass

towns and villages?" St Peter's Square was decorated with olive trees from Apulia in southern Italy, the region which lies directly op-posite Kosovo across the Adriatic, and which includes Gioia del Colle, near Bari, where 12 RAF Harriers are based.

The Pope, speaking in a strong voice despite recurrent illness, added sternly: "Enough of this cruel

shedding of human blood. When will there be an end to this diaboli-cal spiral of revenge and senseless fratricidal conflict?"

He said he was invoking the "precious gift of peace" for "the devastated land of Kosovo, where tears and blood continue to mingle in a tragic spectacle of hatred and violence. I think of those who have been killed, of those made homeless, of those torn from their families, of those being forced to flee".

No one could remain insensitive to the "sorrowful flood of men and women from Kosovo who are knocking at our door begging for

help".

The Pope, who had earlier appealed in vain for an Easter ceasefire, last week sent Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, his Foreign Minister, to Belgrade. Vatican officials noted that the Orthodox Easter falls next weekend, a week after the Western celebration.

Yesterday the Pope said he felt duty bound to make a heartfelt appeal to the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to allow a humanitarian corridor to be opened". There could be "no fron-

ty; corridors of hope are always an

mperative". The Pope said he was also thinking of Africa, "where the distressing fires of war are slow to disappear"; of Asia, "where dangerous social tensions are far from abating", and Latin America, where nations were "committed to advancing on a laborious and uneven path towards the goals of greater

justice and democracy".

The Pope declared that "in the face of persistent evidence of war and the countless grievous defeats of life, Christ the conquerer of sins and death urges us not to surrender". He hoped the new millenni-um would overcome the culture of hatred, violence and death.

The Pope, who lived through the Second World War in his native Poland, surprised the crowd by changing his text at the start of the Mass. He said he wanted to dedicate the service "to peace in the Balkans, to respect for the rights of man in the martyred land of Kosovo and to the flood of refugees".

During the Mass, a participant at the altar read a special prayer saying: "We pray that in the Bal-kans, with goodwill from both sides, the weapons will fall silent and negotiations will be restarted aimed at a true and lasting peace."



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, making his entry to the cathedral yesterday before giving his Easter sermon

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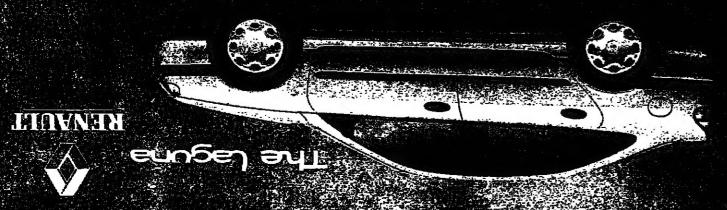




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### Carey gives his blessing to bombing

BY ELIZABETH JUDGE AND RUTH GLEDHILL

THE Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, gave his support to the bombing of Yugoslavia yesterday in his

Easter sermon at Canterbury. Supporting Nato's bomb-ing operation, he said: "In the Balkans, the evil of ethnic cleansing is leading to the crucifixion of Kosovo as the refugee crisis continues. Military action thus far is recognition that the civilised world cannot stand by and accept that evil should triumph."

The passage, inserted into the address at the last minute, added that skills and energy of similar intensity should be employed in "saving and pro-tecting the lives of helpless and vulnerable people".

Dr Carey lamented the permanent nature of evil. He said: "Today we sing our Easter anthems but tomorrow vioience, poverty, homelessness. greed, hatred, oppression and injustice will continue to plague our world."

Kosovo, Northern Ireland. Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo were among the places he named as examples of continuing hatred where "those whose trade is in continuing feuds and fostering violence have reaped a rich and deadly harvest".

He added: "In these dying months of the second millennium the world has not been immunised from evil. One result of the extraordinary development of modern science and technology has been a dramatic increase in our capacity to inflict even more horrifying evils upon one another and the fragile earth

upon which we depend." Dr Carey asked the population to support the appeal for refugees to be launched tomorrow by Christian Aid and other aid agencies.

The Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, also reflected on the nature of evil in the light of the conflict, warning that the conflict was unlikely to be resolved readily or easily.

Preaching in York Minster, Dr Hope said: "Over the centuries Christianity has borne enormous calamities in this and many nations as the strug-gle between good and evil has been fought out in God's creation. What a paradox then that we celebrate the risen Christ's greeting and gift of peace against the background

of conflict in Yugoslavia." Dr Hope pleaded for a return to the negotiating table. "The search for peace is always complex and fraught with difficulties in any area of conflict - witness Northern Ireland and the Middle East - but that search must always be maintained."

He added: "The scenes we have been witnessing this last week must surely have caused us all to ponder and reflect more deeply on our human condition, on the frailty of our human nature and what it is which can provoke such hatred, wickedness and sheer evil - those hidden and hideous things which may be a little less blatantly obvious in our own lives, but only perhaps because our circumstances are so very different."

Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster. prayed "for the people of Kosovo suffering so greviously and for a return to negotiations lest a greater tragedy overtakes us all" and asked people to respond generously to requests for material help. The Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford. said: "What matters at this

> Ethnic cleansing is leading to crucifixion of Kosovo?

stage of the conflict is an early resolve to achieve the goal we have set ourselves. The danger is that a ruthless ruler like Milosevic can make us hesitate and weaken. But to weaken now is in effect to hand the world over to those who are prepared to raise the stakes even higher through their unrestrained cruelty, in this case ethnic deansing.

The Right Rev Richard Holloway, Bishop of Edinburgh. warned Christians not to treat the Resurrection as a "consoling fiction" and Jesus as a "magical deliverer" who will rid the world of evil.

He said that evil "stalks" creation. He said: "Who among us this weekend is not filled with longing for peace in Yu-goslavia? Which of us does not long for justice on Earth? We must join the living Jesus in changing the world, not es-caping from it."



Cardinal Hume at Westminster Cathedral yesterday. He prayed for a return to negotiations over Kosovo



#### **BALKANS WAR: US LINE GROWS TOUGHER**

### Americans to send in the Apaches

PRESIDENT Clinton last hight faced increasing pressure to back the use of ground troops in Kosovo after images of three captured soldiers and thousands of wretched refugees appeared to have convinced a majority of Americans that this was now the

right thing to do.
A poll for Newsweek found that 54 per cent of Americans supported the use of ground troops and that 83 per cent beieved troops should be sent in with the specific mission of resguing the three prisoners of war. The popular tune was matched by an increasingly loud chorus from senior politi-

The news of the poll came as the Clinton Administration confirmed that it was responding to a plea from Wesley Clark, the Nato commander, to send Apache helicopter gunships to Albania. They are ex-pected to be based close to the Kosovo border with 2,000 ground troops and will then make raids on tank units and other Serb military targets. Senator John McCain, the Republican presidential candidate and former Vietnam PoW who has been leading the calls for troops to be sent into Kosovo, welcomed the deployment of Apaches as "a step in the right direction", but argued that moves to assemble a full

Damian Whitworth reports from Washington that Clinton is under pressure to use ground troops

force of ground troops should have begun long ago. "You can't win a war if you aren't going to wage it. This situation needs to be remedied and remedied quickly, and the only way we are going to be able to do that is to bring the full might of the American and Nato miltary to bear," he said.

Mr McCain, who was held for five years in Vietnam jails, much of it in solitary confinement, said that he was unhappy with the gradual escalation of the conflict which he said was familiar to him from the Vietnam War. "You have to go in heavily and that means you will see civilian casualties. I don't like that, but it pales against what we are seeing in Kosovo now," he said.

Mr McCain's view echoes the philosophy of General Colin Powell, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Gulf War, who argues that when the US intervenes it must do so with massive force and said of the current Balkans conflict: 'The challenge of just using air power is that you leave it in the hands of your adversary to decide when

he's been punished enough." Warren Christopher, George Bush's Secretary of State, said in a Washington Post article yesterday that strong mobile forces should be placed in Macedonia and Albania to protect those nations "and to

make it plain that no option

has been foreclosed."

Significantly, Texas Gover-nor and Republican presidential favourite George W. Bush, who last week had been extremely vague about his views on Kosovo, told Time that he would back the use of ground troops if the military believed they were necessary. "America must be careful to commit our military. But when we do so, we must do so ferociously. Once in we should be in to win," he said.

The Clinton Administration has repeatedly insisted that Nato ground troops would only enter Kosovo if there is a "permissive" environment in which a peace agreement could be enforced. Mr Clinton reiterated this firmly last week but used carefully qualified language to say that he believed Nato had "a good possi-

with the means we have deployed . . . we have quite a good chance of achieving our

objectives."
There was confusion last night over whether the three captured soldiers, Christopher Stone. Steven Gonzales and Andrew Ramirez, will be forced to stand trial. Milan Bozic, Minister without Portfolio in the Yugoslav Government and Deputy Mayor of Belgrade, said on the ABC programme This Week, that the three would not be put on trial and suggested Red Cross officials would be able to visit them. "Of course, they will not be tried and they will be back in their homes as soon as this

stupidity stops," he said. The Pentagon welcomed the news but said it had been unable to verify if it was true. "If it is true, then it is in accordance with the Geneva Convention But we don't have any way of confirming it," said a spokesman. And the Yugoslav Ambassador to the United Nations, Vladislav Jovanovic, said an investigation into their actions was still under way. and a trial by a military court

was a possibility. Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, said that the United States would take "several thousand" refugees from



President Clinton with Secret Service agents and his dog Buddy yesterday. He is under pressure to back the use of ground troops to rescue the captured US soldiers

#### Nato's birthday party is spoilt

THE shadow of war has fallen across Nato's 50th anniversary party and officials are scrambling to tone down the lestivities.

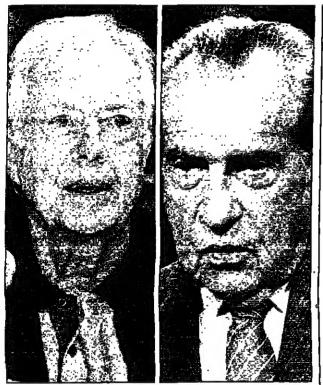
The three-day summit in Washington over the weekend of April 23-25 was shaping up to be a massive junket until

the bombing began. Now, officials are emphasising the importance of the work to be done at the gathering of 19 Nato Heads of Government, plus another 23 from neighbouring countries known as the Partnership for Peace — a total of 1,900 dele-

White House aides are now choosing the word "commemoration", rather than "celebration", to describe the event.

As part of the more restrained atmosphere, a welcoming party thrown by the host committee and Washington's new mayor will probably be downgraded from a gala to a reception. Even the musical selections are being reconsid-ered, and guests will be urged to get involved in refugee relief

There will still be stylish lunches and dinners at the White House — but the mood will be more of sombre reflection than kicking up heels.



Former Presidents Carter, left, and Nixon: forced to

### **Hostages force** rethink in the White House

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

CONFRONTED with three Americans held captive, President Clinton pledged that "the United States takes care of its own". But the seizure of the trio by Serb forces ratchets up the pressure on the White House where aides know how episodes have dragged other presidents into awkward decisions and com-

Stopy-faced and haggard. Jimmy Carter appeared on television in 1980 to recount the desert failure of his military

<sup>6</sup> Poignant images of Americans in captivity tear at the nation's heartstrings?

operation to rescue 52 Americans held hostage in the United States Embassy in Tehran. Seven months later. Mr Carter lost to Ronald Reagan and only then were the hostages released. Mr Reagan in turn fell victim to the natural urge to help his countrymen

snatched by terrorists from the streets of Beirul · Lacking his usual aplomb. he went on television to insist: The United States has not swapped boatloads of weapons for hostages." But arms had indeed been traded for freedom and the affair mushroomed into the Iran-Contra

Richard Nixon's push to end the Vietnam war was underscored by his urgent need to bring home downed American pilots held in a jail nicknamed the Hanoi Hilton. Their immediate release in exchange for an end to the bombing of North Vietnam lay at the heart of the 1973 agreement ending America's com-

One of those POWs, John McCain, held for five-and-ahalf years after he was shot down and now a Republican senator, said that the arrest of three soldiers on the Kosovo border, sad though it was, should not influence Nato's prosecution of the conflict.

Several occupants of the Hanoi Hilton were forced under duress to make anti-American propaganda statements to the cameras, a tactic that backfired by generating fury in

The crew of the USS Pueblo, a reconnaissance ship captured by North Korea 30 years ago, were also displayed but managed to convey their views to viewers at home with certain obscene gestures unknown to their captors.

There have been other poignant images of Americans in captivity to tear at the nation's heartstrings. A navy pilot, Lieutenant Jeffrey Zaun, his face swollen and wounded, was seen on videotape dur-

ing the Gulf War. Michael Durant, a chief warrant officer, appeared cut and bruised after his helicopter was shot down in Somalia six years ago.

With Americans in enemy hands and facing an uncertain fate, people at home feel an emotional bond and are drawn together, according to Clydie Morgan, keeper of records for American Ex-Prisoners of War.

In her view. American presidents tend to run into trouble when the US takes the lead as the world's policeman and its

citizens are seized. "Then we have to weigh the lives of the PoWs with the importance of what we're doing," she said.

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#### BALKANS WAR: THE AIR CAMPAIGN

### Nato forgets hard lessons of Vietnam

WITH hindsight, Nato would probably have carried out Operation Allied Force the other way round. Instead of initially bombing with kid gloves and aiming almost exclusively at air defence sites, the alliance would have gone for the biggest blow on day

A massive air raid on Belgrade, knocking out all the key ministries linked to the "ethnic cleansing" operations in Kos-ovo and striking at President Milosevic's powerbase might - just might - have taken the Yugoslav leader so much by surprise that he would have changed his tactics.

Instead, with the help of Nato's daily briefings informing him what action the alliance bombers would be tak-



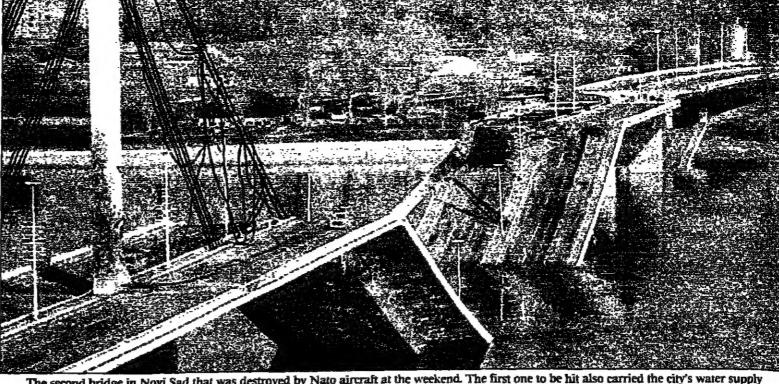
Michael Evans, Defence Editor, finds the inflexible bombing campaign flawed by its predictability

ing, Mr Milosevic and his generals have been able to predict events each day and take pre-

cautions. Mr Milosevic knew - as everyone else did - that cruise missiles were going to attack his Interior Ministry buildings in the centre of Belgrade some time between last Thursday and the weekend. That was because General Wesley Clark, Nato's Supreme Allied Commander in charge of Operation Allied Force, had been

authorised by 19 ambassadors to expand his targets to include such locations. No one imagines that the Interior Ministries were filled with hardworking state security police burning the midnight oil when the Tomahawks arrived.

While the Nato air campaign has followed a predictable doctrine and strategy — a surprisingly inflexible one de-spite Nato's post-Cold War policy of guaranteeing flexibility to meet the new unpredictable



The second bridge in Novi Sad that was destroyed by Nato aircraft at the weekend. The first one to be hit also carried the city's water supply

world - Mr Milosevic succeeded in surprising the alli-ance. No one was fully prepared for the merciless onslaught by Yugoslav forces against the ethnic Albanians once the bombing began.

Armed Forces Minister, tried yesterday to describe the scale of the ethnic cleansing by comparing the flood of refugees to the populations of towns in

He said: "The number of refugees who left Kosovo in the 24 hours to 10am vesterday was estimated at 70.000 equivalent to a town the size of Hastings. The total number estimated to have left Kosovo since March 24 when the bombing started) is 370,000. equivalent to the population of

Bristoi." He concluded: "Taking into account displaced persons still within Kosovo, the total number of refugees and displaced persons is estimated at more than 650,000, which is more than twice the population of my home town. New-

Nato leaders will argue that decisions had to be made without the benefit of hindsight, and that the step-by-step approach to bombing was both practical — first hitting

targets which most threatened allied pilots - and publicly acceptable. However, in approving such a policy. Nato became predictable. Mr Milosevic would have known, from one chat with President Saddam Hussein of Irao, that Nato worried intensely about losing

pilots and that its top priority

would be to go for the integrat-

ed air defence system. In response, by comparison with what he could have unleashed the Yugoslav leader kept his surface-to-air missile systems largely hidden away. knowing that, whenever any of his radars locked on to aircraft. Nato's superior technol-

ogy would be able to pounce. It would have been politically difficult for Nato governments - who were hoping that a few days of air raids would bring Mr Milosevic to his senses - to authorise over-

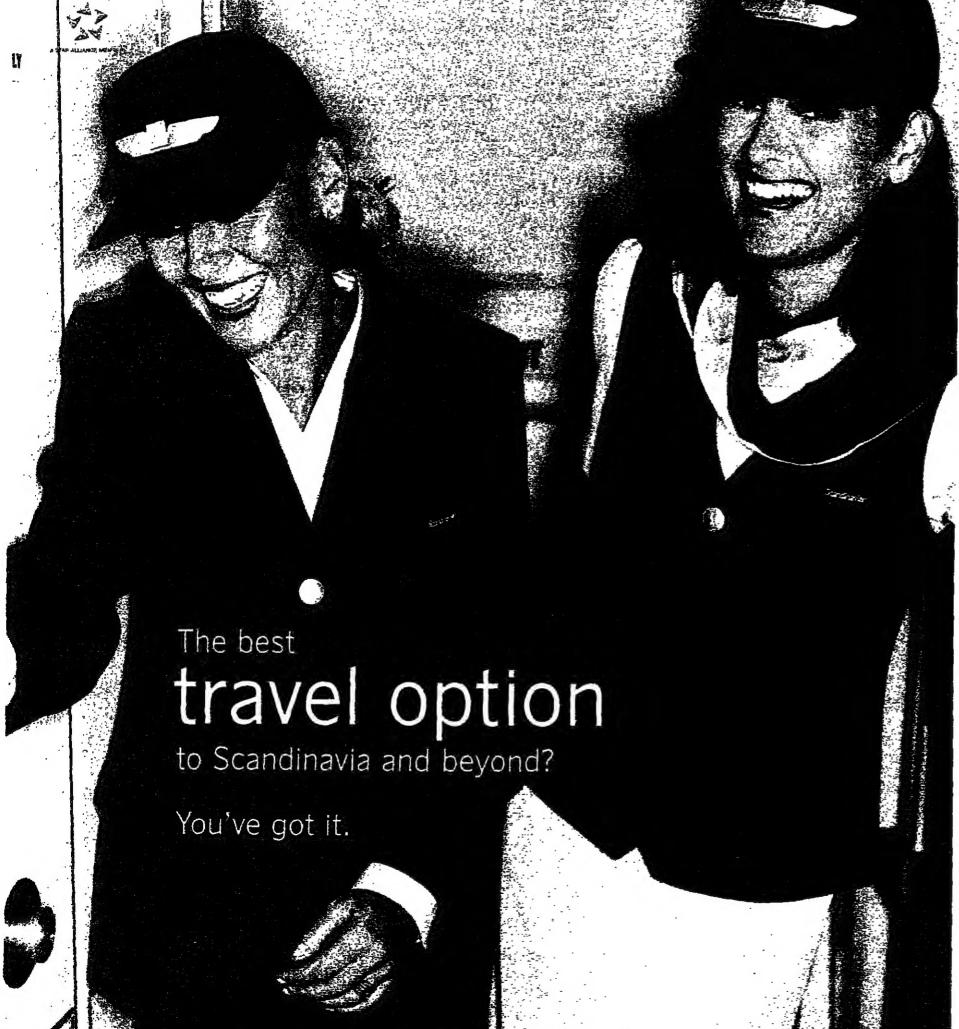
whelming airstrikes on Belgrade on the first night. This was not, after all, a Saddam situation. In 1991 nearly 40 countries - blessed with a United Nations mandate had the authority and public support to hit Saddam as hard as necessary to force Iraqi troops out of Kuwait.

There is no such mandate for Kosovo, and the level of bombing up until now has reflected the political difficulties that have constrained the 19 Nato governments since March 24

Now, however, as can be judged by the dramatically expanded level of targeting. Nato has decided to go for the big-bang concept, striking at anything that can be even remotely defined as having a link to Mr Milosevic's military machine.

But it is difficult to feel confident about the way Nato governments have proceeded thus far. The trouble is a crucial lesson from Vietnam has been forgotten. Nato has mounted an air campaign on the basis that superior firepower will win.

But, as the Americans learns to their cost in Vietnam, a small unit of camouflaged Viercong. armed with Kalashnikovs and rocket-propelled grenades, can prove to be an equal match, even for a superpower, when operating on



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#### **BALKANS SUMMARY**

#### Serbs 'faked' film of Kosovo leader

Brussels: Serbian television film of Ibrahim Rugova, the moderate Kosovo Albanian leader, meeting President Milosevic and calling for an end to bombing were laked by Belgrade and he is under effective house arrest in Pristina, Jamie Shea, the Nato spokesman, said (Charles Bremner writes). The pictures which Belgrade relevision claimed was a meeting last week had in fact been taken from video footage of the Kosovo leader talking to Mr Milosevic two years ago about an education initiative, he said. Mr Rugova's message was a call for the cessation of violence, not Nato bombing, but it had been falsified. Mr Shea added.

#### Spy ship enters Aegean

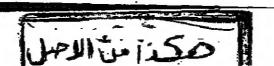
Athens: A Russian spy ship, on its way to monitor developments in Yugoslavia, entered the Aegean Sea en route for the Adriatic Greek military officials reported Liman. an unarmed reconnaissance vessel, will act as Moscow's eyes and ears on Western warships supporting Nato's air war against Yugoslavia. Two Greek Navy vessels will "observe" the ship's passage, an official said. Greece has voiced opposition to the Nato bombings. (AFP)

#### Aid workers missing

Sydney: Two Australian aid workers were still missing in Yugoslavia. four days after they set out from Belgrade intending to help refugees fleeing Kosovo. The aid organisation CARE Autralia said it had fresh evidence that Steven Pratt and Peter Wallace had been detained while trying to cross the Yugoslav border and Constinue on Wadnesday. Who believe the trying to the state of the state o into Croatia on Wednesday. "We believe they are still being held somewhere in the border area," a spokesman said. (Reuters)

#### Fischer delays wedding

Bonn: The wedding of Joschka Fischer, the German Foreign Minister, to Nicola Leske was postponed because of the Kosovo conflict. Bild am Sonntag reported. Herr Fischer, 50, and Fraulein Leske, 29, were to be married next Sunday, but Bild quoted the minister's friends as saying that he was overworked and had been "tired for days and days". The paper said the wedding would instead take place on April 17. (AFF)



#### BALKANS WAR: MORALE IN SERBIA

# Bombs fail to halt defiance in Belgrade

AFTER their Interior Minismies were blown up on Saturiday morning. Belgraders said that Nato would not have the inerve to strike again. Not on "their" Easter Sunday, they said. No God-fearing nation, not even the Western aggressors, could do that.

But at 4.30 yesterday morning the unthinkable hapgened. Tomahawk missiles ripped apart the main central heating plant for the sprawling suburb of New Belgrade, unleashing a rapid series of diesel fuel ignitions that reverberated with biblical propornions over the sleeping city.

It took until the spring sun was fully up for the flames and smoke to subside, and for the extent of the damage and casualties to sink in. Rows of apartment blocks along Juri Gagarin Street had their windows and even doors blown in, and it seemed a miracle that only three people died in the blast — as Yugoslav, army sources declared later.

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And so yesterday was spent clearing up the mess, and asking which bits of civilian infrastructure Nato would declare to have military uses next. As well as the heating plant, Nato also hit an oil refinery at Panceyo, outside Belgrade, and two more bridges in the north-

em Vojvodina province.

A police academy in Belgrade was partly destroyed, a white goods factory in the central town of Cacak was targeted again, and fuel depots were blown up near Krajlevo and

"When you live in such stress, you don't feel anything," said Olga, a 32-year-old musician whose family had the misfortune to live 200 yards away from the central heating plant. The was so con-



Tom Walker witnesses the destruction in Belgrade as anger grows against Nato's stepped-up attacks

fused yesterday morning that she could not remember whether she had felt the searing heat from the blast or not all she recalled was that her piano saved her from most of the flying glass that once was a French window, and that somehow her two canaries, Giki and Chirokee, also survived. "For some reason you feel more sorry for your pets than anyone else," she said.

Despite the devastation, women emerging from the

We keep our idiots in the madhouse: you keep yours in the White House?

twelve-storey tower blocks had their hair done and make-up on. As immaculate as any Slavs on a Sunday morning, they showed a burning defiance to Nato tactics designed to break the nation's spirit.

"We keep our idiots in the madhouse: you keep yours in the White House," said one placard propped against the US Embassy.

In Belgrade's central Republic Square, the mood of Serbs was no better illustrated than



Reporters visit a Belgrade building that was bombed yesterday. A security guard was killed

in the daily "music against bombs" concert. Those held over the weekend were more elaborate than last week's — impressive in their sound quality and passion. The theme tune of the Yugoslav Army spot on television was performed by a full orchestra, and folk songs dating back to the Turkish occupation left many on the stage and in the audience in tears.

As the damage to central Belgrade increases, the welcome given to foreign journalists diminishes. Several reporters were arrested over the weekend in their scramble to be first to witness the pyrotechnics, and the army press service tried to strengthen its control over the media pack.

Satellite television channels like CNN and Sky have been vigorously criticised on state media and accused of ignoring the suffering in Belgrade — especially that of the young mothers and their babies in the maternity ward of the hospital just a block away from the wrecked Interior Ministry.

"Hatred for America, Britain and Albanians is what I
feel because of all this, although I know that is irrational. What is a spectacle for you
is pain for us," said one resident of the affluent suburb of
Dedenje, He stood in his
pyjamas watching diesel
dumps around the central
heating plant throw balls of

fire into the dawn.

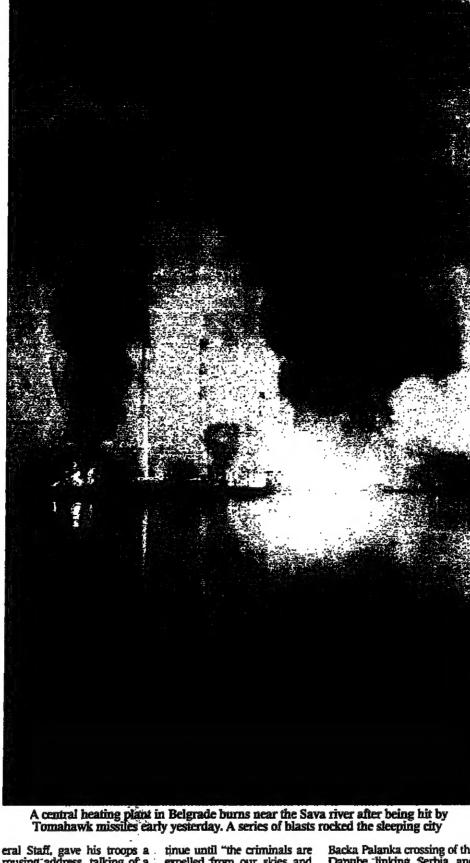
Shortly after the Interior Ministry was blown upon Saturday, hundreds of Belgraders formed a human chain over the nearby motorway bridge. They were there again on Sanurday riight, and Vuk Draskovic, the federal Deputy Prime Minister, said the human shield tactic was being used to thwart Nato all

eround the country.

At the Kragujevac car plant in central Serbia, workers sent Brussels an e-mail, giving the map co-ordinates of the factory where they were holding a round-the-clock candle-

lit vigil:

If the bombs have failed to dent the civilian spirit, they appeared to make the military only more heroic. Dragoljub Ojdanic, the Chief of the Gen-



eral Staff, gave his troops a rousing address, talking of a Nato that planned to "mutilate" the living flesh of our country". He went on: "The aggressors have been launching and continue to promote hazy and constructed fabrications about preserving peace in the Balkans with a war, about using bombs, fire, new cemeteries and mutilations to prevent a human catastrophe. As far as we are concerned, no honest man in this country will ever accept to serve such criminal

General Ojdanic said public backing for the Nato campaign in the West was slipping, and he told his troops the fight against Nato would continue until "the criminals are expelled from our skies and away from our borders". The alliance was driven by a "drunkenness based on power and new imperialist dreams". Helping to ram home his message, state television showed a series of military bunkers in Kosovo containing MiG fighter jets and other hardware apparently beyond Nato's reach.

Radio Television Serbia said that the latest attack on a bridge in Novi Sad had left many people missing. Search parties were trying to salvage cars from the Danube, it said. Military sources said they could think of few reasons to destroy the "Freedom Bridge," and none to blow apart the

Backa Palanka crossing of the Danube linking Serbia and Croaiia—about as far from Kosovo as possible in Serbia. Diplomats speculated that Nato might be planning to somehow isolate northern Serbia, and the theory was given credence by the destruction of the railway line linking Belgrade and Montenegro. A short section of the line passes through Bosnia, where it was blown up on Saturday by units from the Nato-led stabili-

Strbac.

A farmer, Vidoje Tomic, was killed in the blast. His death was thought likely to unite the Bosnian Serbs with their kin in the struggle against Nato.

sation force near the town of



Demonstrators denounce Nato's airstrikes at a rally in Belgrade's Republic Square yesterday

## British wife is ashamed over bombing 'lies'

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

THE British wife of a Yugoslav national trapped beneath Nato's bombardment of Belgrade yesterday said that she felt so "torn up and ashamed" of her country's role in the airstrikes that she has only just re-emerged in public.

But Janice Mrdjenovic admitted that, since she has shown her face again in the Zvezdara suburb, her home for the past 13 years, she had been "very deeply touched" by the reactions of her neighbours. "You can't be in Belgrade and not start to feel some admiration for these people," she added, attaching an anti-Nato protest tag to the

family dog, Bonnie.

She said the bombing campaign had cleared up any lingering identity crisis for her eldest son, Branco, 16. "He has absorbed this feeling from his friends over the last week or so about being a Serb. If he ever had difficulty over his identity, then over the

last week he has solved it."

Her youngest child, Stevan, is nine, and the middle boy Marco is 13. But despite wanting to keep them all in peace and safety, the financial costs of evacuation were prohibitive. So for the past ten days she and her artist husband. Dusan, have arranged a temporary bomb shelter in the basement of their spacious detached house, and clung to the hope that Nato's smart technology is as accurate as is claimed.

"I didn't believe that we'd ever be in this position with a British Government. They say they're not bombing the Scrb people," complained Janice, who was born in London. "Well, it's very difficult to say that to someone lying in hospital missing a leg at this moment. 'this idea that you are not bombing us, but we just got in the way."

While her two eldest boys were coping well with the stress, she said she was worried about the psychological consequences for Stevan. "I heard him mumbling in

"I heard him mumbling in his sleep 'you're killing me'— he could have got it from his Bond game on his Nintendo or it could have come from the situation we're in. There's bound to be some effect."

Just before Branco came home, she confessed that she was thankful his Yugoslav military service is still at least one year away. "I thank God that he's 17 in May, that age, and not 18.". Smoking constantly, Janice showed a diary that she had been writing about Nato's nightly rain of terror. Dusan played with Bonnie and the boys in the garden, enjoying the respite of a warm afternoon and looking forward to the time when they have barbecues again. "They're obviously not afraid of God with their lies," he said of Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and his fellow back-

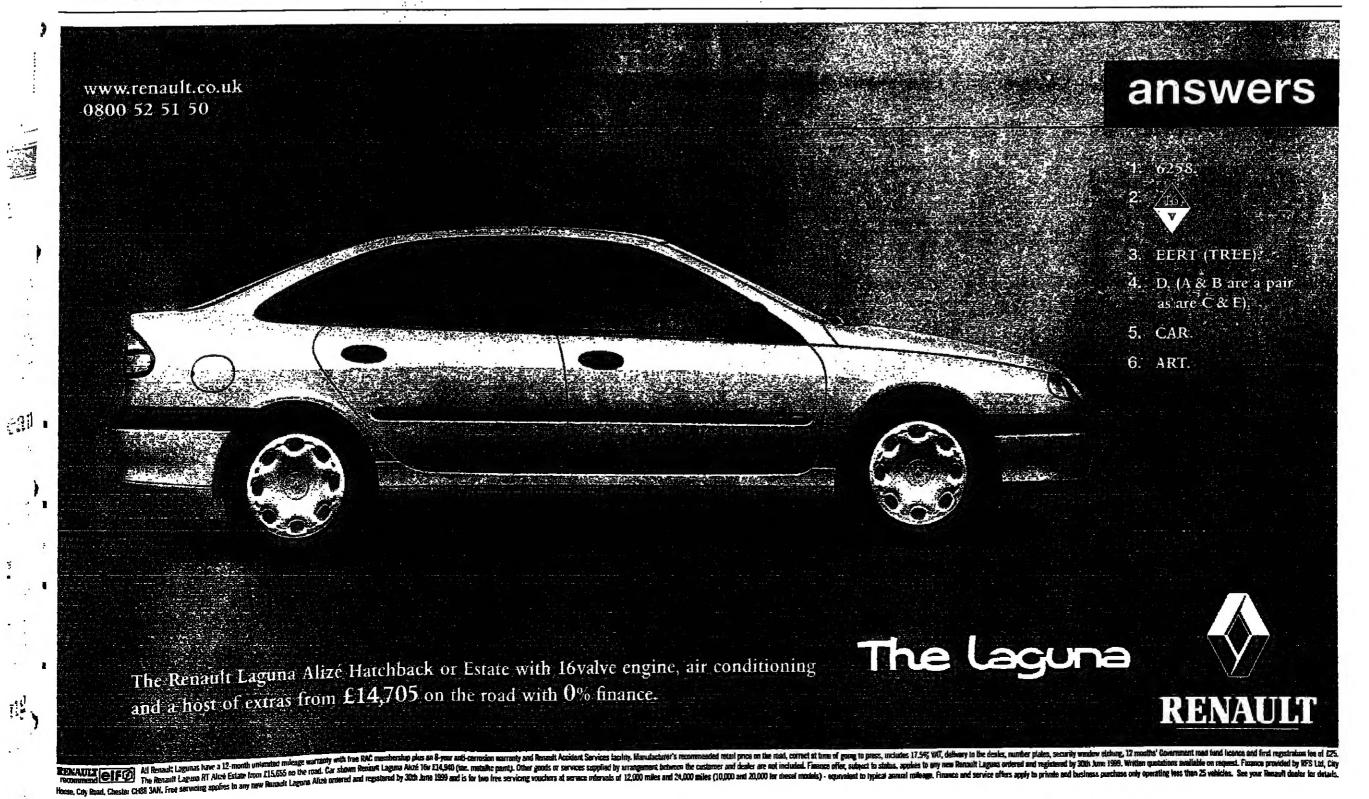
ers of the strikes.

Janice's writing reflects upon the differences of being English and Serbian, and the pride felt by Serbs despite all that Nato throws at them. "I think maybe the English are more in love with their Englishness than their homeland, and the Serbs are more in love with their homeland than being at ease with themselves."

When she first ventured out

to the shops again after spending the first four days of the bombing campaign locked up indoors, the man in the local cigarette and newspaper kiosk had assured her that "there are all sorts all over the world". Then in the supermarket the woman behind the counter had shouted: "Heh, neighbour, you look as young today as you did ten years ago."

Janice commented: "It showed everyone that I was a local, and put me at ease. I won't forget that."



week and the peace process

We are going to back in there on

Gerry Adams (Sinn Fein president)

"I have assured David Trimble that I will continue to my best to find a way out of the impasse. But that is a shared responsibility and none of us has the democratic mandate of an

the right to remove the democratic mandate of any section of our people or to step outside the

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#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Railtrack must take on cleaning duties

A legal loophole that meant no one was responsible for cleaning up litter on the railways has finally been plugged. New laws will make Railtrack responsible for keeping the tracks, stations, embankments and sidings clean. Previously. British Rail had been made responsible for the job, but it was not handed on to train companies when the railways

were privatised by the last government.

Campaigners, such as the Tidy Britain Group, and the train companies, have complained of a steady build-up of rubbish on railways across the country, leading to fires triggering the shorting of electrical equipment and trains hav-ing to slow down at certain places.

#### Jails lag on tagging

Prisons are being urged to speed up the release of prisoners under the new electronic tagging scheme, launched two months ago, after fears that only 30 per cent of eligible prisoners are being freed early because prison chiefs are being over-cautious. So far, 3,045 immates have been released - 4 per cent of whom have been recalled to jail either for re-offending or breaching their curfew. The Prison Service is bailing the results a success and says the numbers will rise steadily each week until the end of April, when they will probably flatten out.

#### Long hop for On a wing giant toads and a prayer

Two giant toads with a surprising line in self-defence are doing fine after stowing away for 3,000 miles in a car's engine compartment. In Florida, Tommy and Tina. the 10 inch marine toads, had hopped aboard a Mustang being shipped to a car collector in Sheffield. Their mating call gave them away: the collecfor heard "a sort of throaty grinding noise coming from under the bonnet. He was well advised to call in the experts: when the toads feel threatened, they reply

A Boeing 737 had a glider flew into its path at 6.500ft. The crew of the passenger plane, which was about to begin its descent into Manchester airport. kept their nerve and did not need to change course. The glider, who has not been found, is believed to have

drifted in on a thermal current before floating to safety. Keith Bill, spokesman for the British Airline Pilots' Association, said: "I have never come across anything like this." The Civil Aviation Authority

#### Book celebrity aged 10

At 10. Lizzie Broughton is a Times Free Books for Schools celebrity, after the paper published her letter complaining that her mother made her scour the Science Museum cafefor unwanted tokens. Since then, letters, tokens and e-mails have been flooding into her Twickenham home. The fanaticism of the Broughton family's search stems from the fact that they have three schools to collect for - Lizzie's, her sisters' and the school where her mother. Ann. teaches. The family would like to thank everyone who has sent Lizzie tokens and asks that any others be sent to her school, Trafal gar Junior School in Twickenham.



A "colour party" of the IRA attending an Easter Rising rally yesterday in Crossmaglen, Northern Ireland, as Sinn Fein leaders sought to keep the peace process on track

### Keep the guns, say hardliners



McGuinness: called for trust in Sinn Fein

THE message was clear yesterday as hundreds gathered in Dundalk to remember the rebels of the 1916 Easter Rising: no decommissioning. no surrender.

Giving up their weapons would be like saying the IRA was responsible for everything that happened in the past 30 years." said Catherine as she prepared for the annual parade to the republican plot in the town cemetery. "It would be like saying it was their fault. They aren't to blame and nobody should try to force them into handing over any weapons."

She was wearing a paper Easter lily pinned to the lapel of her black leather jacket in a show of solidarity with the men and women who fought against British forces in 1916. She believes that the IRA and republicans are still fighting for the same ideals and that the peace process is just the latest phase in the lengthy battle.

Sinn Fein leaders used Easter rallies across Ireland to seek to restore confidence and faith among in their party members yesterday, to placate grassroots fears of a sell-out by calling the latest demands for IRA decommissioning of weapons "dangerous and provocative" and not part of the Good Friday Agreement

Dundalk is the heartland of republicanism in the Irish Republic. Only ten miles south of the border, it was to Dundalk that repubAudrey Magee reports on Sinn Fein's struggle to reassure its supporters

licans fled for shelter from British security forces. For decades it was an IRA and Sinn Fein stronghold

Since the peace process, the num-ers have dwindled and splits have formed. Dundalk is now better known as the heartland of the "Real" IRA, the dissident group that bombed Omagh last year, kill-About 300 attended the parade yesterday but the Sinn Fein supporters in Dundalk acted as though they were still in control. They met in huddled groups to dis-cuss last week's Hillsborough declaration. Jim, who like most people declined to give his surname. said that he was growing "increas-ingly sceptical" of the entire peace

where thousands turned out for

the annual Easter Sunday parade.

process. It had crossed his mind to transfer to one of the dissident groups but would stick around for a little longer to see how things worked out. But he ruled out decommissioning. "Orange marching and July 12 is only around the corner." he said. "There is no way the IRA will go through this sum-

mer without arms." Addressing the crowd after wreath-laying, Martin McGuinness called on supporters to trust

Sinn Fein to push the agreement through without "the surrender of the IRA". He said: "Every day since Good Friday of last year, the Unionist political leadership has done everything in its power to rewrite, redraft and renegotiate the Good Friday Agreement and it is not on. It is not on because the agreement has been endorsed by the majority of the people on this island. We in Sinn Fein find totally unreasonable and unacceptable

the Unionist demands for surren-

der by the IRA." He warned the

crowd not be confused or waylaid

by others. During the biggest Easter ceremony, at Milltown Cemetery in Belfast, the Sinn Fein chairman. Mitchel McLaughlin, told a crowd of more than 1,000: 'The agreement is clearly in crisis. Another deadline passed this week and the peace process remains in considerable doubt."

At a rally in Dublin, Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president. said: "One of the provocations has been the demand on the IRA to disarm. This is something which the IRA has made clear it feels under no obligation to do. The danger of all this to the quest for justice in the north has been pointed out

many times to the British and Irish Governments."

The rallies were the first time that Sinn Fein addressed their supporters since the London and Dublin Governments finished 20 hours of talks on Thursday with a declaration calling for progress on disarmament. Sinn Fein sought to distance itself from the declaration yesterday, insisting it was a government document that they

had not signed. But despite the warnings of unease within republican ranks, Ulster Unionists still insisted that the Provisionals would begin to hand over weapons and explosives within weeks. David Trimble. First Minister and UUP leader, said that he believed republicans were "up" for accepting the joint declaration at Hillsborough, which would clear the path for its members to share power in UI-

ster's new ruling executive. "I think we have cracked it now," he said. "There are still some things to be done but we are getting into the foothills now and

the road is getting easier." All sides now have a week to decide their response. Mr Trimble is under pressure from members to reject any suggested link between Army demilitarisation and terrorist decommissioning. Sinn Fein will this week begin a round of negotiations with members to gauge reactions to Hillsborough.

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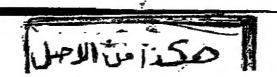
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### black student's death

Police to look at whether teenager was pushed off railway bridge.

reports Stewart Tendler

THE investigation into the death of an 18-year-old black student has been relaunched after an internal police review enticised the initial inquiry.

Senior officers from Scotland Yard and the British Transport Police are awaiting the results of a second postmortem examination on Daniel Blake, whose body was found on a railway line be-neath a road bridge in North London three years ago. A new team is investigating whether Daniel was pushed from the bridge or jumped to escape pursuit.

The action was taken after sure from Bernie Blake, Daniel's father, forced a re-view by a senior transport police detective. Police are satisfied that Daniel did not die as a result of a racist attack, but alleged errors again raise the issues of how police treat black victims and their families; and raise fears of a Stephen Lawrence style controversy.

The case was initially handled by the Metropolitan Police, who handed it to the transport police. The review found that Daniel's parents were unaware that he was dead for nearly three days after he was found although they had reported him missing and checked with police several

If police had known that the body on the line was Daniel's,

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they might have promptly investigated reports that he had been involved in a fight at a house hours before he died. His clothing was incinerated without being forensically examined.

For months, the review concluded, the investigation drifted with little progress. Al-though Mr Blake pressed for action the police failed to find a number of suspects.

Daniel was found by a train driver on a freight line below Dudden Hill Lane in Harlesden on Saturday, March 23, 1996. The previous night a friend had dropped him at a house in nearby Kensal Green, where he was going to meet a former girlfriend. Dan-iel had no police record and there is no evidence of any drug involvement in his death. Local Metropolitan Police of-

ficers summoned a police surgeon. A murder expert from an area major incident team (Amit) was called and the senior duty transport police detective alerted. The Amit officer thought that Daniel's death was a suicide and discussed it with his superintendent. The case was passed to the transport police and their senior detective; having learnt of the Amit view, did not go to the

The Blake family had reported Daniel missing at Harlesden police station at 6.45pm on



The railway line on which Daniel's body was found

### Interview with **Lawrence Five** lisgusts family

By Carol Midgley and Michael Harvey

THE decision to make a currest affairs programme featuring lengthy interviews with the five men suspected of killing the black teenager Stephen Lawrence was defended by Granada Television yester-

Stephen's parents, Neville and Doreen Lawrence, said they were disgusted and shocked that Granada should give a voice to the five men, Jamie and Neil Acourt, Gary Dobson, Luke Knight and David Norris. They are considering asking the public to boy-

cott the programme.

Executives insisted that the interviews, expected to be broadcast by ITV on Thursday, were "meticulous and exhaustive" and would bring "important new material" to light. They said that the programme, to be hosted by revor McDonald, was "not a platform for these men to prop-

agate racist views". The Metropolitan Police have started legal proceedings to gain access to all the tapes, which last several hours, under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. However, they have agreed to wait until the material has been transmitted

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before taking further action. None of the five has ever faced a full trial for Stephen's murder. The private prosecution begun by the Lawrence family in 1995, after the Crown Prosecution Service had decided not to proceed, ended when three of them were acquitted at the Old Bailey when evidence was ruled inadmissible; charges against the two others had

been dropped. A friend of Mr and Mrs Lawrence, Ros Howells, said that they had known about the programme for some time and felt that it was in very bad taste. Ms Howells said: These five men have had ample opportunity to say what they want to say at the inquest and at the judicial inquiry. At both they were told they were free to speak and they avoided answering the questions."

Imran Khan, the Lawrensolicitor, said: This should have been aired in a courtroom, not on TV. We were led to believe the family's views would be taken into consideration. But it seems it was going to happen whether they liked it or not."

However, a spokesman for Granada said that Mr and Mrs Lawrence had been approached before the interviews took place in an attempt to discuss the programme with them. The dialogue is continuing but we have not yet been invited to meet them, the spokesman said. He added that the men had been interviewed separately by Martin Bashir, the former Panorama reporter. The men had not been allowed to discuss their interviews with each other.

#### Dimbleby decries 'banality' of T

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

DAVID DIMBLEBY, the BBC broadcaster, has denounced prime-time television as "ghastly, voyeuristic and banal", and says he now prefers to listen to the

Mr Dimbleby, who presents Question Time and is one of the BBC's most respected television anchormen, is particularly critical of the BBC's live National Lottery show and its Comic Relief "telethons". He found it "mindboggling that anyone would want to watch them. He similarly dismissed Who Wants to be a Millionaire, the ITV quiz show that has achieved au-

"unbelievable banality". By contrast, he said, his own three part BBC2 television series on the history of Rhodesia was one of the few examples left of good

diences of 19 million, as



Daniel Blake: parents not told he was dead

March 23. Later that day Mr Blake discovered his son had gone to the Kensal Green house and went there. He was told that Daniel had been in a row and been asked to leave. Mr Blake called police, who went to the house. No connection was made with the body on the line or the fact that a neighbour had reported a fight outside the house on the

On the Monday evening a lo-cal officer from the Kilburn station told the Blakes about the dence to bring a case.

the body on the railway line. According to Mr Blake a transport police officer arrived with a picture of the body the next day and asked the family to identify him. Mr Blake could not bear to look at the picture. He says that he was fold his son had committed suicide.A post-mortem examination concluded that Daniel had died from injuries suffered in a fall. The transport police spent four months investigating, but lack of progress prompted Mr Blake to write to senior officers asking for more action.

Police deny that there was racism in the way the case was handled, but Detective Superintendent Graham Satchwell the transport police officer said: "It was clear that not all that could have been done was done. Mr Blake could have expected greater sensitivity from the police service."

In January 1997 an inquest returned an open verdict. Eight black men and women ere arrested but the Crown Prosecution Service advised that there was insufficient evi-



Girls at the Khalsa Tricentenary parade in Hounslow, West London, yesterday celebrating the Sikh nations' birth

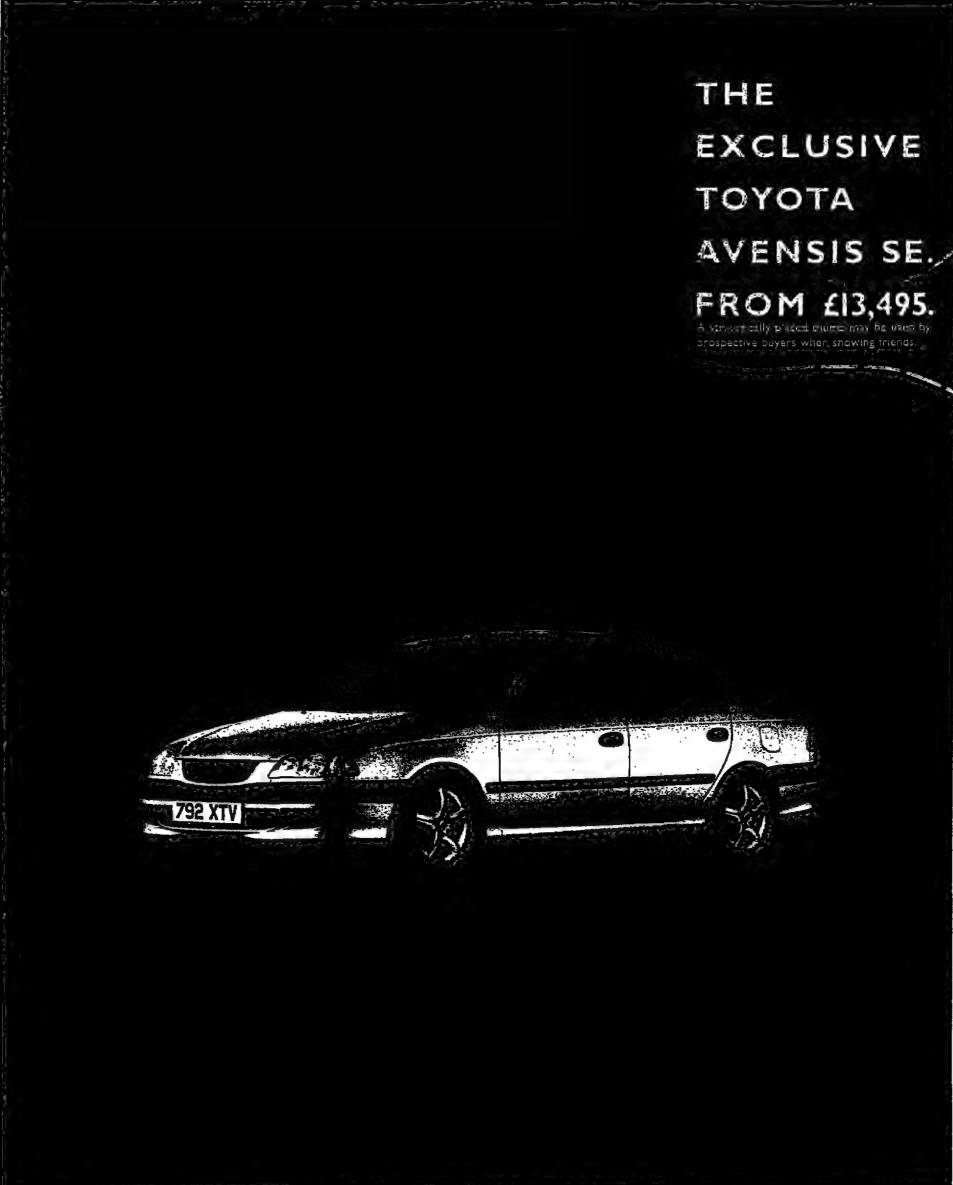
#### Police ambush 25mph pensioner

A POLICE patrol set off in cold pursuit when it spotted an elderly woman driving erratically in the early hours. The police switched on their flashing light but the driver pressed on at a functeal pace. In a low-speed chase lasting half an hour, the milometer touched 25 miles an

road and clipped the occasional kerb in her 14-year-old Nissan Stanza. After failed attempts to persuade her to pull over, the police radioed for help and the target car was brought to a halt in the village of Hollym, Humberside, by the deployment of a police "stinger" device hour on downhill stretches as Annaleise

age speeders in stolen cars.

At Hull magistrates' courts, Mrs Wood, of Anlaby Park, Hull, was fined £120 and disqualified for 18 months for failing to provide a breath specimen. A neighbour said: "She's a respectable lady. It seems totally out of character."



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#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Fowler in apology for drug stunt

Robbie Fowler, the Liverpool and England footballer, last night apologised for gestures he made while celebrating a goal against Everton on Saturday, when he appeared to mimic drug-taking. Fowler. who is already in trouble after in February allegedly taunting the Chelsea player Graeme Le Saux over his sexuality, said that he now realised that his actions had caused "great offence" and regretted them.

Merseyside Police have started an investigation into the incident, in which the striker dropped to the white line to act as if snorting cocaine. The Football Association is considering disciplinary proceed-Sport, page 28

#### CS replacement

Police may conduct trials of a synthetic chemical that could replace CS spray. Pelargonic acid vanillylamide (PAVA). does not use the CS spray's propellant, MIBK, which a study for the Home Office said may be carcinogenic.

#### Britons on trial

The trial of eight Britons accused of plotting terrorism is expected to resume in Yemen today, although defence lawvers are boycotting the proceedings in protest at not being allowed to talk to their clients privately in prison.

#### Tipping trap

Cameras hidden in empty soft-drink cans are being used to catch people dump-ing rubbish in the Oxfordshire countryside. Council and Environment Agency staff plan to use the films as evidence for prosecutions.

#### Number's up

The number 13 has been banned for new houses after developers feared they would not sell. A spokesman for Test Valley Council in Hampshire said: "Estate agents asked us to leave off 13. It could be unlucky for some."

### Lockerbie trial officials set to receive suspects

A GROUP of Arab diplomats yesterday headed to Libya for the expected handover of the two Lockerhie bomb suspects to the United Nations.

The group, led by Ahmed Ben Heli, the Arab League's assistant secretary-general, flew to the Tunisian island of Jerha, from where they were to be driven over the border to Tripoli, They cannot fly, as Libya is subject to United Nations sanctions banning flights until

the two men arrive in Europe. Witnesses from six Arab countries, including Egypt, Syria, Morocco and Tunisia. will oversee the delivery of the suspects, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, 46, and Lamine Khalifa Fhimeh, 42, to Hans Corell, the UN's chief legal

He will then fly them to Holland, where they will be tried under Scottish law, Esmat Abdel-Meguid, the Arab League's Secretary-General. expected the extradition hearing to begin "in the next few days, the next 24 or 48 hours" and praised Colonel Gaddafi for flexibility in agreeing to provide the pair for trial over their alleged involvement in the death of 270 people in December 1988 when a bomb exploded on board Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie.

He said: "By handing over

Arab diplomats

oversee the transfer of two Libyans to UN custody, reports

the two suspects to the jurisdiction of a Scottish court, I think Libya has shown goodwill to put an end to this and lift the sanctions. We hope this will clear relations between the Arab world, particularly Lib-ya, and the United States and the United Kingdom."

Stephen Farrell

He also paid tribute to the diplomatic efforts of Egypt. Saudi Arabia and South Africa in bringing about the com-

As the delegation departed for Libya, two senior Scottish prosecutors arrived in Holland for the extradition proceedings. Norman McFadyen. a regional procurator fiscal. and Jim Brisbane, the depute principal Crown agent, flew into Schipol airport from Edinburgh and were taken to a secret location.

When the two Libyans ar-

to the Dutch authorities by the UN. Unless they oppose extradition they will be quickly tak-en to Cump Zeist, a 100-acre former US Air Force base near Utrecht, which has been declared Scottish territory for the purposes of the trial.

There they will appear before Sheriff Graham Cox at a closed committal hearing on charges of conspiracy to murder, murder and contravention of the Aviation Security Act 1982.

Until the trial, not expected before the end of the year, the pair will be guarded on the camp by more than a hundred Scottish police and prison officers. The courtroom, which has yet to be finished, will be housed inside a former US Air Force primary school.

The cells, a hundred yards away, are underneath a secure former US hospital, Nearby the former Dutch officers' restaurant will be a canteen for the police, prison officers, legal, catering and other ancillary workers, translators and international observers.

The base's old sports hall will become an international press centre and its former barracks are being renovated as accommodation quarters. All building and other costs will be met by Britain at an estimat-



Norman McFadyen and Jim Brisbane, procurators fiscal, arriving in Holland yesterday

### THE TIMES MONDAY APRIL 5 1999 Sheriff ready to leave for 'Scotland'

BY GILLIAN HARRIS

THE sheriff principal of South Strathelyde, Dumfries and Galloway will be the first member of the Scottish judiciary to encounter Abdel Baset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamine Khalifa Fhimeh. Sheriff Graham Cox, 65, is expected to leave for The

Netherlands today.
Once the pair have been handed over, the two Scottish lawyers who will oversee proceedings against them - Norman McFadyen, the Procurator Fiscal for Edinburgh, and Jim Brisbane, the depute principal Crown agent will appear in the courtroom built on the site for the closed committal hearing in front of Sheriff Cox.

A widely respected figure, Sheriff Cox was praised for his handling of last year's inquiry into the E. coli outbreak in Lanarkshire. which claimed 21 lives. He was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, educated at Hamilton Academy and Edinburgh University and called to the Bar in 1962,

Sheriff Cox's Interests, listed in Who's Who, include golf, skiing and the restoration of decaying properties. He might well be impressed by the renovation of Camp Zeist. which was a derelict former US base before it was transformed for Scottish juridical use.

### NUT backs strikes to see off pay linked to results

BY JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION EDITOR** 

THE leader of the National Union of Teachers predicted yesterday that the threat of industrial action in schools would force the Government to abandon plans for performance-related pay and instead award Et billion in salary rises of up to £3,000 for every teacher.

Plans for a rolling programme of strikes and other forms of disruption will be completed tomorrow at the union's annual conference in Brighton. Delegates gave unanimous backing yesterday to a campaign, beginning with a one-day strike next term, opposing any link between pay and pupils' results.

Ministers have set aside £1 billion to reward staff in successful schools and fund increases of about £2,000 for teachers whose classroom performance justifies passing a new pay "threshold". Additional money will be available in bonuses and other reward schemes. But Doug McAvoy, the NUT's general secretary, said that the strength of opposition to the proposals would leave the Government no alternative but to use the money to give all teachers a substantial increase.

Teachers will know that the money is there but the Government won't release it. That will hardly motivate them or help to recruit the extra teachers schools need. Of course,

they [the Government] will be forced to release the El billion." said.

David Blunkett was jeered when he told delegates on Saturday that they were "daft" to be considering strikes when the Government was proposing to boost the pay of thousands of teachers. He said later that he would discuss details, but the principle of performance-related pay was not open to negotiation. A succession of delegates yesterday insisted that the Government's scheme would destroy teamwork between teachers and encourage them to focus narrowly on the test results by which they would be judged. John Yandell, of Hackney, East London, said of Mr Blunkett's plans for higher grades for the best performers: "We all are superteachers. Why doesn't he pay us as superteachers?"

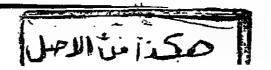
Jane Nellist, of the union's Coventry branch, said: "We have already seen play being squeezed out and it will disappear altogether if the Green Paper is implemented. Teachers will be forced to teach about commas today, instead of children being allowed to go and play in the sand tray. That would be criminal."

Mary Compton, an executive member from Radnor, in Wales. said she was insulted by the notion of financial incentives. "I have always cared about my teaching. I am outraged at the idea that I would care more if anyone gave me more





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The starters are lining up to be the last city created this millennium.

#### Richard Ford looks at the runners

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-Old smokestack districts are competing against a popular seaside resort, and the world's former weaving capital is vying with a borough made rich by the postwar office boom. Jack Straw will formally open the contest next month

by seeking applications for fity status, but in town halls across the country bids have aleady been prepared.

Five towns have emerged as rontrunners since it was anjounced last year that the puren intended to mark the milennium and the lifteth aniversary of her accession to -ie throne by grants of city stais. Many more will join the neue for the honour of receivig a royal charter followed by wisit from the Queen herself. The new city will be anpimced in the autumn. It is a drus that offers little more thin letters patent from the Qeen and vast local pride in th council chamber. Blackbin and Darwen, Brighton an Hove, Croydon, Stockport an Wolverhampton are burstingo project themselves as thatown worthy of emerging as ie country's newest city. (early forgetting London's

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AN UNDECLARED battle is Lord Bassam of Brighton, leader of the council in Brighton and Hove, which already calls itself the City by the Sea, boasted: "We're looking to become the capital city of the South East as part of the tremendous

> there are no set criteria for achieving city status, accord-ing to the Home Office. It is not necessary to have a cathedral to be awarded the status. Cambridge, Hull and Sunderland are cities but have no cathedrals, while Blackburn has a cathedral but is not a city.

Brighton is missing a cathedrai but its does have the Royal Pavilion, the home of the Prince Regent. Whether or not that would be an advantage is unclear. "Queen Victoria hated it but we are not sure of the Queen's opinion," a council spokesman said.

But Croydon is unwilling to let Brighton make all the running in the South East. Although it rose to fame as the site of the first London airport and grew rapidly after 1945. the council points to a history reaching to Roman times. Valerie Shawcross, leader of the Labour-controlled council,

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posion in the South East, said: "Croydon is one thou-

renaissance we have seen in the past ten years." To make sure that the Home Secretary gets the point, he added: "We are certainly bigger than many cathedral cities." Despite the popular myth,

> sand years old. There was a Roman settlement here too. Croydon means Valley of the Crocuses, because the Romans marched into a beautiful

valley full of yellow crocuses." In the Midlands, Wolverhampion is hoping that win-ning city status will put it on an equal footing with its great up-start rival Birmingham. Birmingham was a spot on the map in the Middle Ages

when Wolverhampton was a centre for the wool trade," she said. The town suffers from one deficiency: it has few famous sons or daughters. "Mind you, we have Button Gwinnett, one of the signatories of the American Declaration of Independence, and, of course, the pop group Stade,"

Two towns in the North West are vying for city status.

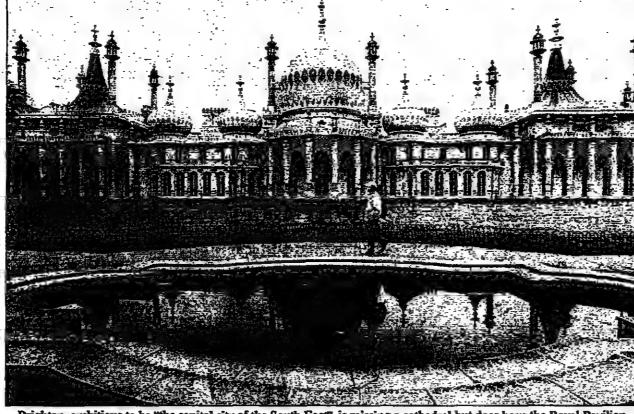
though if Blackburn is to get the honour, Jack Straw, its MP, will have to withdraw from involvement in the final decision. Stockport believes that it was runner-up in 1992 when Sunderland beat all the favourites to be awarded city status to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. Wally Scott. Mayor of Sunderland, said:

"It gave enormous civic pride

an enormous impetus to getting inward investment."

The most recent towns created cities were St David's and Armagh in 1994 in recognition of their ecclesiastical heritage. Derby became a city in 1977 to commemorate the Oueen's Silver Jubilee and Swansea in 1969 to mark the investiture of the Prince of Wales.

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Brighton, ambitious to be "the capital city of the South East", is missing a cathedral but does have the Royal Pavilion

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#### WORLD IN BRIEF

#### Twenty injured in Nazareth clashes

Jerusalem: Easter in the Holy Land was marred by riots in Nazareth between Christians and Muslims that left 20 people injured, property damaged, and raised a question mark over the largest Israeli Arab town's role in the millennium celebra-

tions (Christopher Walker writes).

The head of the Roman Catholic Church in the Holy Land, Michel Sabbah, used his Easter message in the Holy Sepulchre to appeal for calm to case communal tensions. What he described as the "critical situation" was sparked by Islamic hardliners' attempts to build a mosque with a 252ft minaret that would overshadow the Basilica of the Annunciation.

#### Indonesian toll rises

Ambon, Indonesia: Christians and Muslims fought with spears and machetes in Indonesia's eastern islands as the death toll from several days of bloodshed reached 34. The South East Moluccas Regent, Husain Rahayaan, said hundreds of armed Muslims and Christians were fighting in villages close to Tual, the main Kai Islands town. Hundreds of police and soldiers were sent to the area. (Reuters)

#### Sons held over killing

Washington: Two 11-year-old brothers are being held in North Carolina charged with killing their father in a hail of gunfire and wounding their mother and sister, police said. The brothers allegedly shot their father, 46, in the head at the family home near Kittrell, about 40 miles north of Raleigh. North Carolina, Their 45-year-old mother and teenage sister were wounded and taken to hospital. (AFP)

#### Mahathir's foes unite

Malaysian opposition to the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, was united with the formation of a new political party led by the wife of his jailed former deputy (Dav-id Watts writes). The launching of the new group — the National Justice Party — by Dr Wan Azizah Anwar, coincid-ed with rumours about the health of Dr Mahathir, who has been admitted to hospital with a chest infection.

#### Town hit by tornado

Benton, Louisiana: A tornado tore through this northwestern Louisiana town, flattening homes and trapping people when walls collapsed. At least nine people died, state police said. About 100 people were injured, five critically. Authorities were still looking for missing people hours later, using police does and huge searchlights from the nearby Barksdale air force base. (AP)

#### New leader dies

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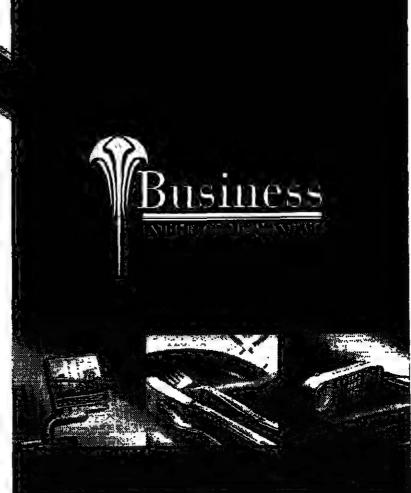
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Almaty: Zhumabek Ibraimov, the Kyrgystan Prime Minister, has died of stomach cancer in the capital, Bishkek, a government spokesman said. Boris Silayev, the First Deputy Prime Minister, is to take over temporarily. Mr Ibraimov, 56, had led the Government of the tiny ex-Soviet Central Asian republic for just three months since taking over from Kubanychbek Zumaliyev. (Reuters)



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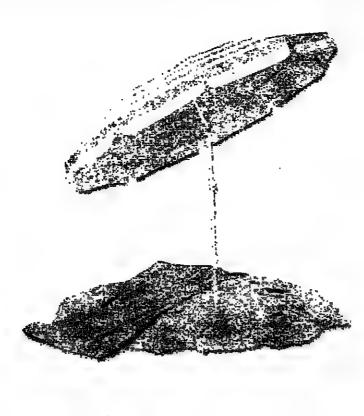


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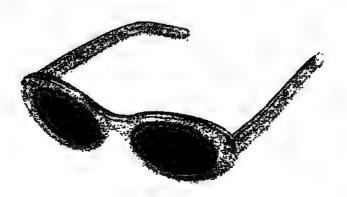
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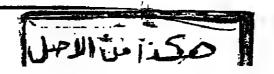


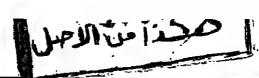
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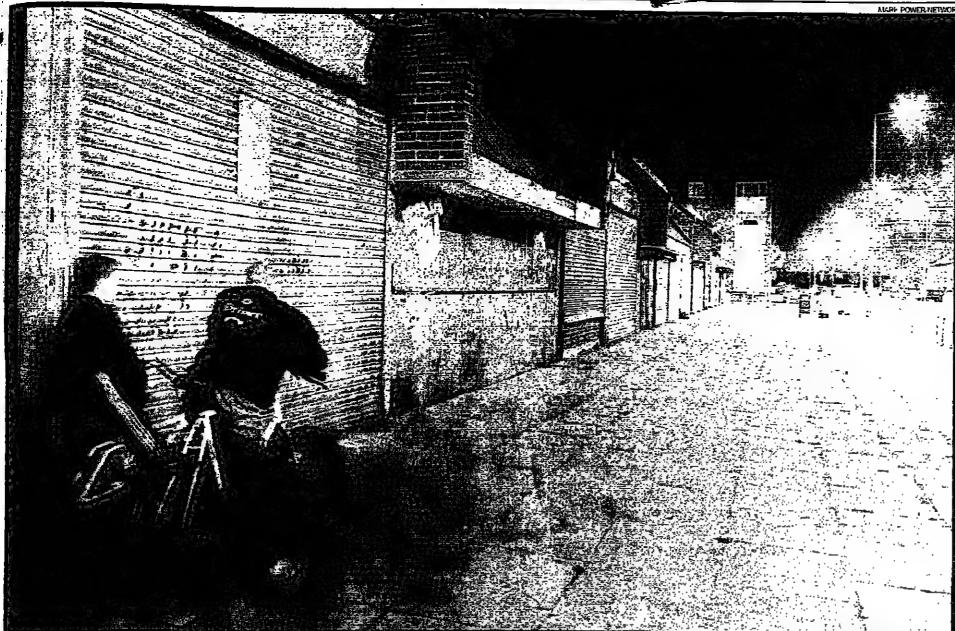


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Travelling home together: 13 to 14-year-olds are the most vulnerable to violence. "You don't expect to be stabbed, but you have to judge every situation as it arises," says one

### New threats on the block

Parents usually fear for the safety of teenage girls. But the

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ixteen-year-old Ben has been mugged seven times. "Everyone I know's been mugged at least once." he says. His friend Charle has been mugged four times So has my 15-year-old son. Usually they are intimidat-

ed winout being hit. Bu a year ago a neighbourhood ad was beaten so badly that he ended up in hospital. The ficial scars healed quickly, buit was a while before his parens could be sure that he had to internal injuries. Another soy we know just had his noe broken in an assault.

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ble, ne lazy. I bought him a pager. Now, when he and his friends go to parties hey travel together or share ninicabs.

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Pare is once worried more about heir daughters being out on the streets; their sons could and for themselves. In the 19\$s and 1960s, middleclass parents mollycoddled firls as though there were arapist on every corner. So it was with our own three daughers. But as they pro-gresse into their teens, it became lear that Western postfeminst girlhood had evolved its owi survival strategy. One

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If events become threatening, adopt

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"When confronted by someone who is

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social psychologist and research director

at the Social Issues Research Centre in

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New Scotland Yard.

streets are more dangerous for boys, says Trevor Grove girls we had nurtured so pro-tectively turned into hulking urban commandos whose after-school uniform consisted

of ripped jeans and combat boots. We pitted any boy who crossed their paths. Eventually their younger brother became a teenager. Even though he played a lot of sport, beside them he looked slight. In his first week at sec-

ondary school he was held up on his way home by a local tearaway and Reebok forced to part with Classics the few pence in his pocket. He was reticent and black bravely about that incident and others that fol-Levi's can lowed. But he enjoyed making my flesh creep by re-counting friends experiences — some of them frightentrouble ing. Talking to oth-

er parents, I became aware that in some ways, teenage boys are more vulnerable than their sisters.

North London is not Los Angeles gangland. Still, my son and his friends say, coping with low-level thuggery among adolescent males is an unavoidable aspect of urban living. They are not especially outraged by it and shrug it off as coolly as they can. But when my son returned from a month in Vancouver, what had struck him most was that he could wander alone around the city without feeling nervous. The first thing he did on his return was to grab the hair-clippers -

a cropped skull is an approved means of disguising middleclass namby-pambyness.

Talking in a glottal mum-

ble, slouching and wearing clothes that look as though they came from a terrorist outfitter's are not just youthful urban chic, they are camouflage. Even on hot days, something must be worn to hide the school uniform. On cold days,

a knitted hat reminiscent of those worn by the Spe-cial Boat Service is a popular accessory. Street gear can also be a warning signal: a gang of boys wearing Mos-chino trousers and jazzy trainers is best avoided. The wary also keep a sharp eye out for Reebok Classics and black Levi's. The subtleties are

awesome. You must look tough but not loud. ed up having his bike stolen. If you want to look loud, you must be tough.

t is easy to explain all this away as just youthful male display behaviour, a test of nerve and swagger instinctive in boys. But it must be seen against the worsening figures for violent crime: the incidence of muggings has doubled in a decade. Boys are not only responsible for most juvenile violence, but are also the most likely to be its victims. No doubt the general demor-

alisation of young males has

something to do with this. Be-

When confronted, stay calm

DOS AND DON'TS

Body language is crucial. "Eye contact should be avoided." Dr Marsh asserts.

person is about to punch you, but fixing

important, too. Face the person straight

on, with arms relaxed and down at the

sides. If you adopt an oblique posture,

you have to look over your shoulder.

and this is classic visual dominance behaviour. Tilt the head slightly

forward and down, which could be

aggressor." Maintaining distance.

interpreted as slightly wimpish but not

cowering. Don't tilt your head back -

you'll be looking down your nose at the

increase conflict. A calm voice and

even pitch when scared."

non-threatening language will do the opposite, though it is hard to keep an

"Obviously you must be aware if a

the other person's gaze is a disaster.

"Orientation and posture are

ing "hard" is one way of achiev-ing a sense of status in a world where girls outshine them in the classroom, and where their job prospects are dim. The prevalence of violence on the of an ex-pupil who got a kick screen, the growth of aggres-sion on the sports field and the

out of being a bully carrying on intimidating the younger kids after he's left." need for money to buy drugs or expensive footwear aggravate antisocial impulses. Ben was recently attacked on the had spoken to that the vulnerable age is 13 to 14. After that Tube: three boys they get bigger and more expeknocked him to the rienced and are not so easy to floor, searched his pick on. But among victims, Even on

pockets and gave him a kicking, then ran off at the next Charlie station. was subjected to what he described as "a bit of an ordeal™ when he was effectively napped by two big marched for two around hours while they decided what to do

with him and end-At the back of these boys' minds lurks the fear that their assailants might have knives. You don't expect to be stabbed but you have to judge each situation as it arises," says Ben. The other day two crackheads attacked some boys with a screwdriver. Mostly they want

out of scaring you." "It's hard to know when to make eye contact." says Charlie. "Sometimes you want to, to show you're not a fairy, some-Our local beat policewoman

backing away a bit if necessary, is vital.

And, of course, running away as far and

as fast as possible is always an

Crime prevention officers and

if you do feel you have to defend

away," says Rafael Nieto, of the

psychologists say it is very rare for

beople to find themselves genuinely

trapped in a violent situation. However,

yourself physically, the priority is still to

run away. "A sharp kick in the shins or

a slap across the face with the palm of a

hand should give you a chance to get

Amateur Martial Arts Association in

London. "Just fire your best shot and

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police station for details of self-defence classes. The Taekwondo Academy.

run. The best defence however, is to be

honourable option.

properly trained."

your money or Walkman. Oth-

er times they're getting a thrill

### Hungary '56, Kosovo '99

We welcomed refugees 40 years ago would we now, asks Grace Bradberry

haustion, they continue to trudge across the Kosovan borders. We watch them on television each night, the children shivering from the

cold, the parents weeping. We are aware that, globally speaking, they are "on our doorstep", but there is a dis-tinct possibility that these displaced souls could soon actually be our neighbours. As the number of Kosovan Albanian refugees reaches three quarters of a million, and as Macedonia and Albania ask for help in dealing with the exo-dus. Nato is now being forced to discuss the logistics of dispersing the refugees across Western Europe, Downing Street yesterday said it was ready to accept some on a temporary basis.

How would Britain cope with an influx of refugees whose situation demands un-reserved compassion? What sort of life could we offer them and how would they adapt? The last European refugee crisis on anything like this scale occurred more than 40 years ago, in 1956, when the Hungarian uprising led to an exodus of some 200,000 political asylum-seekers. Soviet troops invaded Hungary on Novem-ber 4. By the end of that month, 100,000 refugees had crossed the Austrian border. In some cases, the "new refu-gees" joined camps already in-habited by the "old refugees" still displaced after the Second World War. Others were given swift passage to Western countries, including Britain.

Louis Permayer, 67, the owner and manager of Louis Patisserie in Hampstead, North London, was plucked from an Austrian camp. "A British man came saying he wanted 300 strong Hungarians to become miners in Alfreton. Derbyshire. We went to a camp, where we were taught English, and were trained for the mines. But the English people went on strike because they wanted their own sons to

go into the mines. 'I had trained as a chef in Hungary, so I went to work for Egon Ronay | who then had a restaurant|." After a couple of years he took a job in

Their faces grey, their eyes hollow with exowner in 1963. The Austrian and English camps were "nice", he says. "In Austria people came on Sundays to take us out to lunch. We were given soap and shaving products. England was also good; we were paid £8 a week.

High employment undoubtedly made it easier for refugees to find their own way in this country. Another Hungarian refugee, who prefers to remain anonymous, recalls how he left his home in Zala. near the Austrian border, on November 18, 1956, and was in a job in Suffolk by November 25. His escape from Hungary involved swimming a fast river, his clothes tied in a bundle on his head. But once he reached Austria the organisation was excellent. He stayed initially in a schoolhouse in a small town that had taken in 1,200 refugees, and was then taken by train to southern Austria. "I was told that if I wanted to go to England, I could go immediately, but for anywhere else I would have to wait in a camp. So I went to England."

He went by train to London, staying in a Hungarian club. "I was well looked after. I spoke no English, and only saw Hungarians. After three days an English employer arrived looking for ten steelworkers. My nine friends and I, all from the same part of Hungary, volunteered. Our accommodation was arranged by our employers, but by the end of the month we were paying our own way from our wages."

e was not taught any English. however, and on several occasions found his way home by showing passers-by a piece of paper with his address and hoping they would direct him to the right bus stop.

More help may well be need-ed from the British public this time round. There are few, if any, manual jobs awaiting the Kosovan Albanians that will allow them to pay their way. And it is unlikely that pointing the way to a bus stop will be enough for this new group of displaced people.



is well aware of the problem.

though she doesn't think it is

new: "It goes in waves. Some-

times it arises from rivalry be-

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the unease persists. Being men-

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aced by a gang of youths is not only frightening, says Charlie; it is also humiliating. "Your

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not to put up more resistance."

only be grateful when good

sense prevails. Street wisdom

is not something that can be

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Bias-cut devoré dress, £180, J by Jasper Conran et selected Debenhams stores nationwide (0171-408 4444); iliac and black lace-trim cardigan, £80, by Press & Bastyan, 22 South Molton Street W1 and nationwide (01622-763 211); brown boots by

Floral painted linen top, £29.99, by Morgan stores nationwide (0171-383 288)

White linen and velvet panel skirt, £75, cream wool beaded tank top, £69, both by Whisties, 12-14 St Christopher's Placa W1 (0171-487 4484); white leather ballerina pumps, £145, by Ernesto Esposito at Russell & Bromley, as before





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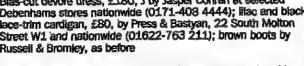
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What do you wear if you're feeling down?

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Whose style do you most Ingrid Bergman. represents

classic timeless, dressing and a graceful style that doesn't date.

Which city is the most stylish? Paris. I love the at-Angie Kirk: adores mosphere, the arthe sights of Paris chitecture and the



What is the most expensive item you have bought? When I was 19 I bought a John Galliano black, backless fish-

tail gown, it was something you would wear to the Oscars and it cost me at least £1,000. What is your defi-Lauren Bacall in To Have and Have Not. Chic

women have grace and poise. What is your style moodo? Be brave, banish



### A FEW DAYS AT THE PYRAMIDS

never been narrower, especial-

ly now that so many designers

A Long Weekend at the famous Mena House Hotel at Giza

There are a few hotel locations in the world that can beat the Mena House at Giza with its dramatic views of the Pyramids and nearby Great Sphirn. The Mena House has played host to many of the most important personages of the last century including members of the royal families of Europe, politicians such as Churchill, stars from Hollywood, besides being the headquarters for Allied Chief of Command during the last war. The hotel accommodation is laid out in a circle and in the middle are beautiful grounds with a swimming pool and palm trees, where you can be sitting and believing for all the world that you are in an easis and that you have the Pyramids all to yourself.

cashmere, beautiful velvets, a

Hermes Kelly bag, one-offs . . .

but the list of purchases that

shouldn't be attempted grows

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up-to-the-minute kitten-heel

slingbacks, jewel-coloured silk mules and high, but not trol-

lopy, strappy sandals that had

even the most searching fash-

ion eye fooled — and at last it became possible to buy a classy-looking pair of evening

shoes for less than £100. That £100 for three vermicel-

li-thin straps of silk or suede

and a spindly heel now com-

monly changes hands on the

high street is a sign of how far

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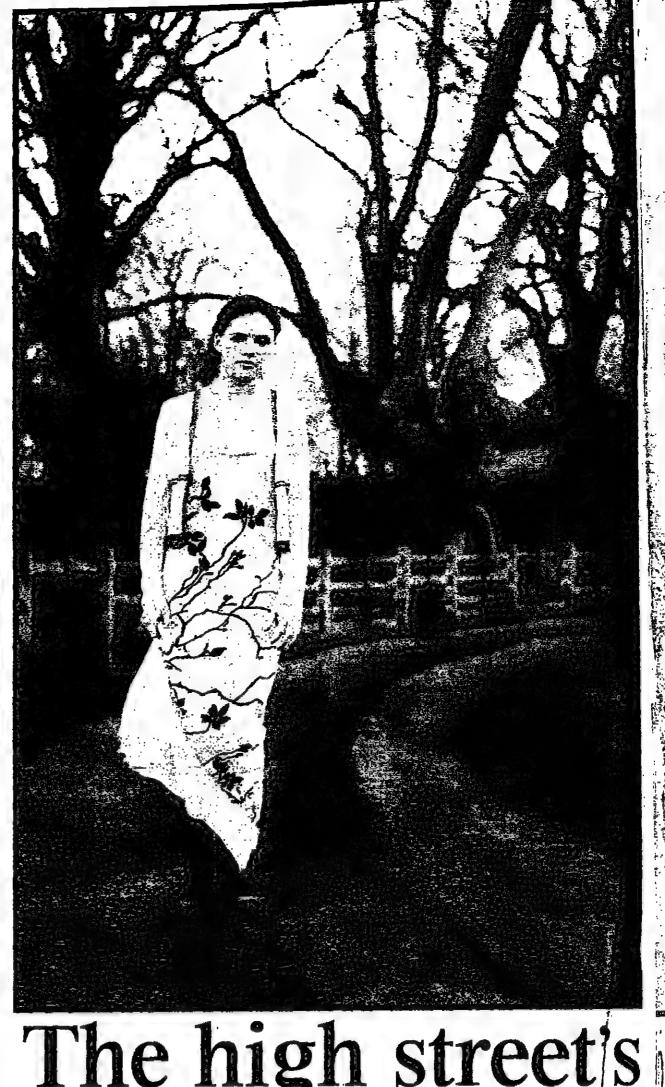
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In any case, no one has any illusions when they hop on the high street. In the same way that we've come to accept that the reason some designers can afford to place just two of three pieces on their rais is because each one costs enough to pay the store rent and sall the sales staff, we also realse that that grey Narciso Rolriguez knock-off for £39.99 is neither exclusive nor built to last.

That said, in the snartest corner of the high street. shops such as Whistlesmanufacture short, limited runs of certain designs, usually around 100, although it some cases - a piece that was produced primarily for the press. for instance - they may make up as few as five. Nor is there anything cheap or nastyabout Press & Bastyan or Russell & Bromley. Yet they are all socessible. But to confine yourself



#### helpful-ish assistant) and there are, let's be frank, certain things wearing it out that night, when you meet all its idenical sibthat the high street can't do very well: a really well-tailored jacket, fine

FASHION EDITOR Keep a careful eye on the high street and you will find plenty of

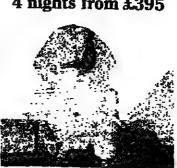
inexpensive, irresistible items that

encapsulate this summer's trends

its prices risen and its quality and design improved. The "pile it high, sell it cheap" philo-sophy that made ye olde Seven-Morgan, Zara and Jigsaw in ties and Eighties British high street shops such a dispiriting. and in some cases hazardous. destination (remember those urban myths about catching lice in some of the grottier Afghan coat stockists?) has largely disappeared. The fact is that the gap between the best of the high street and the cheaper designer diffusion ranges has

particular try very hard to give an impression of airy, unhurried spaciousness by limiting the number of items on the shopfloor. So even though there might be another 13,000 of those fuchsia boob-tubes lurking in the stockroom, for the brief hours of pleasure you get between standing at the cash register while your precious new investment is wrapped in tissue paper (another high street revolution: decent packaging, along with

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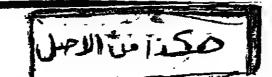
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### § 16 best buys

solely to the top end is to miss out on a whole spectrum of lifeenhancing encounters. Not least the one that arises when you come face to face with the paisley print skirt in Top Shop that's the spitting image of ones that graced the catwalks four months earlier (for about a quarter of the price).

Pragmatically, summer is the best time for bulking up on high street buys: on the whole, flimsy, floaty fabrics work just fine in their cheap incarnations. And for quotidian holiday dressing (think oily sun lotions, sea spray, the wear and tear of pool life and round-the-clock daiquiris). there really is no other option. So save the designer stuff for the occasional evening out and to make yourself feel better once you return home.

The 16 pieces shown on these pages were chosen either because they represent great value for money or a key summer trend - or we simply found them irresisable. The yellow linen dress from French Connection is in one of this summer's most cuttingedge colours: the stone linen bustier with the painted flow-

ers and beige net at the back is not a million miles from Dolce e Gabbana's.

The white, double-layer sleeveless dress from Karen Millen is a wearable, affordable nod to fashion's new take on block colours; the cream

You can enjoy the frisson that comes from buying a frippery while

spending wisely

and white patchwork linen and velvet skirt from Whistles is the perfect answer to any rustic perfect assignations; the cowboy/biker mid-brown boots from Russell & Bromley are the only footwear (apart from a pair of sandals) you'll need for next year, and we just

loved the raffia handbags. In the main, then, the point of the British high street (still

makeover.

imports, such as Zara and

Kookaī seem to acquire a more

interesting point of view once they arrive here) is that it is the

place to head for unquestion-

It is where you are allowed

to make a purchase lightly

and to cast aside considera-

tions about relative invest-

ment value. It is where you

will never have to divide the

cost of something by the number of times you might possibly wear it to justify the

outlay, and where you may

toss away mistakes without feeling too guilty.
Perhaps the best lesson

from high street shopping is

to be found in those com-

munal changing rooms on a Saturday, when wave after

wave of teenage girls clatter in

to try on another new look, en

route to another night out in

yet another ritual weekly

chi-chi minimalist designer

shrines with their one-

sweater-on-a-plinth approach

to retailing and hushed aura

round the till have made you

forget - is meant to be fun.

Fashion - just in case those

ing retail therapy.

ABOVE: hessian bag with embroidered rose detail and leather handles, £14.99, by River Island, as before; cream linen bag with coffee-bean detailing, £15, by Principles

LEFT: cream wicker flower bag, from £9.99, by sandals, £14.99, by Barratts stores nationwide (01274 614 110)



LEFT: blue palsley skirt, £40, by Warehouse nationwide (0171-278 3491); off-the-shoulder jumper, £28.99, Jane Norman stores nationwide (0171-437 0132); fitted denim jacket, £24.99, by NJ Jeans, New Look stores nationwide (0500-454 094); wire flower necklace, £6.99, by River skind nationwide (0181-991 4500). ABOVE: yellow linen drawstring dress, £90, by French Connection nationwide (0171-399 7200); floral Liberty-print silk handkerchief, £3.95, Liberty, Regent Street W1 (0171-734 1234)

■ FOLLOWING the virtual retirement from the catwalk of Kate Moss and the refusal of the Versaces to pay Naomi Campbell's premium rates, Helena Christensen has announced her appointment as the creative director of Nylon. a new US magazine, also available here, that calls itself a "cutting-edge colour pictori-

al aimed at young women".

Christensen stopped pounding the catwalks two years ago to devote time to photography, but this is her first magazine job. In the first issue, on sale this week, she interviews Liv Tyler and photographs India. Apart from being possibly the most exciting thing about Nylon, Christensen's appointment shows how much slippage the "supermodel" tag has suffered. Like those shops that add the word "chic" to their names, the only models who claim to be "super" these days definitely aren't.

DONNA "hug-a-crystal" Karan has a reputation for being a little otherworldly. But at an exhibition in her Bond Street store last week to celebrate tribal colours, she seemed very focused indeed. While everyone else ignored the pictures, chatted on their mobiles and plunged headlong into the sushi, Donna launched into a series of probing questions about the Brit-ish press. But this was no sly attempt to help her to compare advertising rates. No, what she really wanted to know was which British newspaper has the best horoscope.

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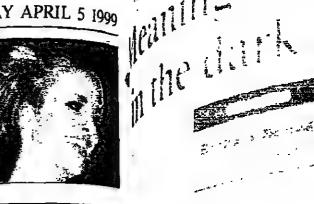
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Lepage's notion of the ori-gins of Wright's celebrated Johnson Building in far-off Racine. Wisconsin, makes fine theatre. So does the moment that follows. Tony Guilfoyle, playing Wright, raises his

THEATRE Geometry of Miracles Glasgow

walking stick like Prospero his wand, and, lo, circles and pillars and magic mushrooms and what might be the innards of a computer or the doodlings of Leonardo appear on the back wall. A pity that so much of the rest of the evening leaves you feeling rather the way Ariel must have felt when he was trapped in his tree.

When I saw the production in Salzburg last year, I fore-cast that, like many Lepage productions, it would change and improve as it voyaged the globe. Change it has, a bit. Improve it has not, at least not if you value narrative clarity, intellectual incisiveness and dramatic momentum. It did not help that I caught the piece as it passed through what comi-cally calls itself the Lomond Room in the Scottish Exhibition Centre: an acoustically awful concrete bunker in a stunningly charmless people-palace. But i am noi sure il will be vastly better when it arrives at the Lyttelton on April 14.

Never do we feel the title's

full force. It would, I suppose, be unimaginative to show back-projections of finished buildings; but, were this managed with flair and a sense of wonder, we might understand better why Lepage seems to agree with Wright's self-estimate, which is that he was the greatest architect ever. Certainy that would give us a better idea of the meaning of "organic architecture" than offering some of the man's grumpily banal apercus and, God help us, evoking the Guggenheim Museum by having one man twirt on a rone while another swivels in a barber's chair.



Some changes but no improvement since Salzburg: a scene from Robert Lepage's cluttered new play about the American architect Frank Lloyd Wright

But the real problem is the ick Mahoney's latest slice of London life (and the last in lack of organic architecture of a production that veers bewilthe Royal Court's season of deringly from glimpses of the new writing from the National Theatre Russian Revolution (because Studio) is more of a frustrating sliver Wright's heir married Svetlathan a satisfying wedge. A four-hander about the ghosts let loose when Patrick na Stalin) to guest-appearances by Beelzebub (to offer and Jerry, two fallen-out childhood Wright eternal youth and be told by the dying nonagenarifriends, meet 20 years on, it wants to be an that "youth is a quality and an intricately counterpointed chamber you nave it you don't lose ce. Dut haus to orthestrate its chara it"). In between we see much of ters' concerns in a meaningful enough his idealistic but sadly flawed

and still more of the Caucasian mystic Georgi Gurdjieff. Let's not patronise Lepage. Like Wright, he is fascinated by the complex challenges of space and, like Gurdjieff, by the oddities of the soul. Like both, he is one of the 20th century's adventurers. But are choric drillings, balletic contortions, yoga rituals, bizarre psychic games and the like enough to bring men and their ideas to life? On the evidence

brotherhood of apprentices.

more of his wife and daughter.

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cluttered here, no.

#### Old friends in a muddle

Sacred Heart Ambassadors

Stewart) has thrown in the towel and made do with being a handyman. This is apparently because he has a large chip on his shoulder about his background and his (unfortunately non-existent) Irish accent. Cue much stuff

about class: all of it a bit perfunctory. Ditto the inevitable romantic entanglements. Revelations keep coming from nowhere, and going much the same way. Patrick's friend Line (Cecilia Noble), the final member of the foursome and a high-flying media chick (or so we are told), turns out to be Jerry's ex-lover, and it transpires that Kate has always fancied Jerry and Line lusts after Patrick. And so on.

It all gets a bit muddled; and here, a more focused production would certainly have helped. There are some awkward changes of tone, several lines which deserve to be much funnier, and others which just sound silly. The experienced cast are left rather adrift: Undugh there is some good acting, darticularly from Doon Mackichan as a convincing Kate, all four were a bit flat on this night at least.

The design, as usual from the Royal Court, is faultless: the bare walls of the Ambassadors' stage space make for an appropriately grotty derelict church hall — the Sacred Heart of the title, which Jerry is bent on converting into des res loft apartments.

No doubt Mahoney wants to say that things do indeed get complicated after years of ingrained resentment and selfdoubt, of the little loyalties and blownup betrayals that loom larger with time. But his script simply does not flesh out its characters or make their problems or confusions - involving enough. I am afraid it left me unmoved.

NIGEL CLIFF

#### **Tale** without end

A FUNNY thing happened on the way to the final curtain. At the interval of this touring version of everyone's favourite Ealing Comedy the beige acreage of the safety curtain was lowered as usual and the audience made for the bars and forers of the recently reopened Grand Theatre, refurbished with £8 million of lottery money. Half an hour later the safe. ty curtain was still down when the house manager informed us of a little local difficulty in

raising it.
The buzz of amusement greeting this announcement beat anything heard during the performance of the first half, and when the curtain began to inch its way upward, at a speed that suggested its ropes were being pulled by mice, audience enthusiasm mounted. Now we could see at the side of the stage the first

#### The Ladykillers Wolvernampton-

panes of the telephone box -

crucial to the plot - and if Tim Brooke-Taylor, Brian Murphy, Dukie Gray and the others could act with their ankles we might yet resume the play. Heave ho went the mice and into view came the lower edge of the map of King's Cross, site of Professor Marcus's cunning bank heist, and painted on the front gauze so as to help us to picture the play's setting. Now

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the cast would be able to act from their knees down, but alas, a crunching noise sent the curtain's climb into reverse. Not mice but men had been winching it up by hand and now the motor had burnt out. There would be no further acting that night.

Since everyone in the audience probably knew the film, nobody seemed to mind missing the second half, though the deaths of the Professor's gang, one by one, were surely going to be further than watching Mrs Wilberforce climb her rickety stairs yet again to interrupt the Boccherini being played in the room above. Gray was either unsure of her words or had not measured the acoustics of the theatre. Her voice was hard to hear.

Brooke-Taylor, creepily commanding, helped to bind together what we were allowed to see of Richard Baron's direction, but since this looked likely to follow Sandy Mackendrick's film as closely as possible there seemed little point in seeing it all done less well on a stage. Perhans this is why the audience was content to go home halfway through.

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moments. Mahoney is at his best when

quietly shading in the muted nuances

of the former friends' misplaced affec-

tion or, particularly, the accumulated

layers of feeling between Patrick and

his wife Kate. Edward Hall's produc-

tion opens promisingly with these two

trapped in a time-worn torpor of com-

fortable pauses and well-trodden argu-

But, as if recognising that too much

low-key naturalism becomes simply un-

dramatic, Mahoney tries to beef things

up by introducing some rather uncon-

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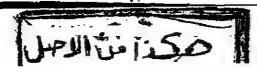
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### Meaning lost in the dark

-t looked good - Barbara Bonney, resplendent in her blonde hair and gold evening dress, spotlit in front of the piano on the stage of a darkened Bridgewater Hall, But, oh dear, we couldn't read the titles of the songs let alone the texts and translations so usefully slipped into the programme. Except for those with an instant understanding of German or with a thoroughly detailed knowledge of the repentoire we were missing at least half the point of her studiously prepared and faultlessly delivered interpretations

It was not a full house but, since 18 short songs do not add up to a full concert even with two encores thrown in, that was natural justice. It was, on the other hand, an unusually good audience in that it was both quietly attentive and polite enough to reserve its applause until the end of each group of songs. It deserved better and, happily, it was awarded the basic facility of adequate lighting in the second

half of the recital. A suitable compensation would have been a repeat performance of Grieg's Sechs Lieder, Op 48, which had been. heard just before the interval. Bonney's Brahms, which produced the one example of a forced sound in the whole evening, was unexceptional. But the Grieg songs, for which she clearly has a special affection even when the words are German rather than Norwegian, were most persuasively done. It is true that, given the

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decorously amorous tone of the voice and Melvyn Tan's suggestive phrasing of the piano part, Die verschwiegene Nachtigall needed little further illumination. The melodic beauty of Ein Traum, though quite specific in its inspiration, was an experience itself. But when the soprano so meaningfully applied the dark colour resources of her lower register to the not so lyrical line of Dereinst, Gedanke mein, we really needed to know what grave thoughts she had in

Perhaps the most impressive example of Bonney's part-nership with Tan was in Wolf's Kennst du das Land. Presented as the culmination of the full set of Mignon songs. with both of them well into the characterisation by this point, it was performed not only pas-sionately but with a paradoxi-cal combination of fearless spontaneity and precisely cal-culated timing. If the group of four Strauss songs had less to offer in terms of dramatic collaboration, they were no less effective for their intimacy. And, accomplished recitalists that they both are, they reserved the ecstasy of Zueignung for the first of their encores.

GERALD LARNER

#### Swept along by the drama

he annual performance of Bach's St John Passion given on Good Friday at St John's, Smith Square by Stephen Layton's choral group Polyphony is rapidly becoming a popular tradition. The occasion is now a sell-out, and compared with the slightly flawed one I heard two years ago, this year's gave immense satisfaction, Indeed, I would rate it among the finest John Passions I have ever

Layton's great achievement is to pace the drama of the Passion story with unerring instinct. The judgment scene in Part 2 had a tremendous narrative sweep, gathering momen-tum with the crowd choruses and reaching an electrifying dimax at the mention of Barrabas and the scourging. Then after the two meditative solos with viole d'amore, sensitively played by Theresa Caudle and Jane Norman, it was back for another sequence of crowd scenes enacted with thrilling immediacy: the mock salutations of "Sei gegrüsset", the bloodthirsty exhortations of "Kreuzige" (Crucify) and vigor-

ously fugal choruses thereafter. So accomplished is Polyphony that it can respond to what is asked of it with no technical inhibitions. The choral inquiries "Wohin?" (Whither?) in the bass aria "Eilt, ihr angefochtenen Seelen" (Haste, ye oppressed souls), for example, were delivered with virtuoso lightness of touch. Shorn, addi-



tionally, of their conventional pauses, they conveyed to per-tection the breathless flight on "wings of faith".

the drama is the Evangelist, and John Mark Ainsky's contribution was exemplary: urgent, angry, poignant as required. His control of the torwas characteristically forth-

in "Ich folge dir gleichfalls" (I follow thee joyfully) — another example of a swift tempo berather than purely virtuoso ef-fect. Catherine Wyn-Rogers

gave nothing but pleasure. Katharina Spreckelsen and Jane Downer deserve special mention for their skilful handling of the oboe d'amore.

BARRY



Crucial to the continuity of tured chromaticisms at Peter's weeping was impeccable the ensuing tenor aria (James Gilchrist) and chorale forming another unbroken unit to bring Part I to an effective end. David Wilson-Johnson's Jesus

right and authoritative. Emma Kirkby skipped delightfully in Christ's footsteps ing deployed for expressive supplied stylish contralto solos, and Neal Davies was the excellent bass soloist, doubling as Pilate.

The players of Canzona

of Wembley Providing a covering for the newly revealed Great Court of the British Museum was a £97m logistical conundrum. Nigel Hawkes reports on the solution

may be precious to Londoners, but its curators have always treated it with cheerful contempt. For them the collections have come first, and from the very moment it was completed Sir Robert Smirke's classical building has been chopped and changed to fit them in. Handsome rooms have been split with mezzanine floors, windows butchered and an entire portico demolished to

The British Museum

make room for an extension. Today the remaking of the museum goes on at undiminished speed. Now that the library has disappeared to St Pancras, the book stacks which surrounded the Read-ing Room in Smirke's Great Court have been demolished. A light and airy roof of huge dimensions is being built across the court, linking the Reading Room to the surrounding buildings. Of all the many changes the museum has seen in 150 years this is the greatest. Casual visitors are entitled

to be bemused by references to the Great Court, for few realise that the building has a courtyard the size of Wembley Stadium at its heart. Originally intended by Smirke to be an elegant open space within the building, where people might perambulate, the court was a failure from the start. The huge porticos on each side created a deep shade in which no grass would grow. "A dark, damp and dismal place where keepers' children played, its silence broken only by the cries of cats," one contemporary sneered. "A mere well of malaria, a pestilent congregation

of vapours," said another. Far from perambulating. the public was not even allowed access. The truth was MILLINGTON | that the keepers planned to fill the court with buildings as quickly as they could. The Reading Room and the stacks soon occupied it so completely that few have ever seen it.

How to raise

The Great Court project, which will cost £97 million, aims to turn this lost space into "a great new public plaza for London" in the words of the architect Norman Foster. At its centre will be the circular Reading Room, a huge building with a dome larger

The design was speeded up by computers. Doing it by hand would have

taken a lifetime?

than that of St Paul's Cathe-

Surrounding it will be the largest covered courtyard in Europe, greater in length than Buckingham Palace. Creating such a roof, supported by Smirke's building along its edges and by the Reading Room in the middle - although not at the precise geometric centre — is a tricky task. Not only must it leave the classical façades and the Read-ing Room undamaged, but it must not rise high enough to be visible from Bloomsbury. It must be vast, yet almost flat.

To add to the difficulties, the roof has to be created out of pieces small enough to be carried to the site in lorries, and lifted over into the courtyard by crane. The only access, for demolition material coming out or construction material going in, is by crane. A "crash deck" has been laid across the building to catch anything the crane might drop before it can crash through the roof and de-

As if by magic larger than that of St Paul's Cathedral, the dome of the Reading Room rises through the Great Court roof, a series of radial ribs constrained by spirals running in both directions

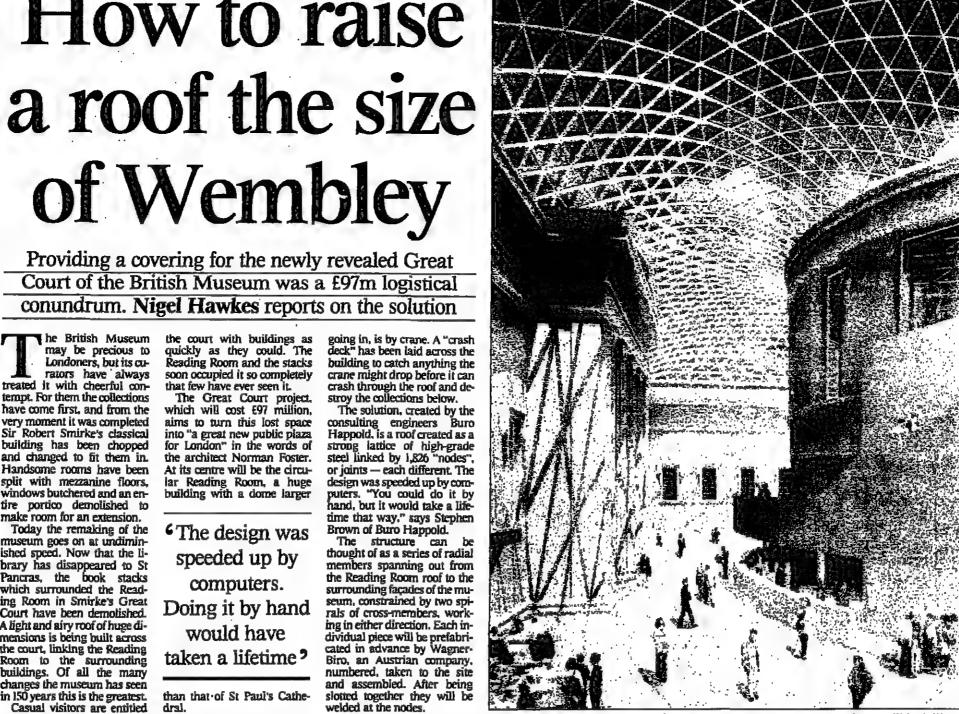
stroy the collections below. The solution, created by the consulting engineers Buro Happoid, is a roof created as a strong lattice of high-grade steel linked by 1,826 "nodes", or joints - each different. The design was speeded up by computers. "You could do it by hand, but it would take a lifetime that way." says Stephen Brown of Buro Happold.

The structure can be thought of as a series of radial members spanning out from the Reading Room roof to the surrounding façades of the museum, constrained by two spi-rals of cross-members, work-ing in either direction. Each in-dividual piece will be prefabri-cated in advance by Wagner-Biro, an Austrian company, numbered, taken to the site and assembled. After being slotted together they will be

welded at the nodes. round the top of the Reading Room, brother Smirke's Sydney designed a "Snow Gallery", a two-metrewide flat roof encircling the dome and designed to catch the snow sliding off the dome and prevent it crashing down on to the lightly roofed book

stacks below.

This gallery, suitably strengthened, will form a ring balancing thrusts from either side of the roof, while the weight of the roof will be carried by a ring of 20 steel columns lying against the Reading Room walls and concealed beneath a new stone cladding. The Reading Room was never meant to be seen from the outside, so nothing is lost by con-



A computer-generated image of what the British Museum's Great Court will look like

cealing its rough brickwork

At the other ends of the ribs. the roof will rest on sliding bearings, allowing it to spread laterally as the props are removed and it takes its own weight - 420 tons of steel, and another 320 tons of double glazing in the form of 3,312 triangular panes of glass. This should mean that the roof will add no new distorting forces to either the Reading Room or

the museum façade. When complete, the roof should float in a voluptuous series of curves, with no visible means of support, above the court below. The environment

inside will be comfort-heated and cooled, but not fully airconditioned. Together with its reconstructed South Portico, the Great Court may at last achieve the effect for which Smirke strived — a perambulatory of which to be proud.

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### Something for the youngest ones

ten pop fans who were initially mobilised by the Spice Girls has now acquired a taste for going to concerts that would have seemed unnaturally precocious even five years ago. And Steps, the three-girl/two-boy vocal group who recently embarked on their first tour, are proving to be one of this pre-teen market's most favoured bands.

Sandwiched between Lauren. aged 7, and Jack, aged 6, at the Shepherds Bush Empire on Friday, I was intrigued to see how well-equipped and chied-up they and all their friends were. Armed with fluorescent rubes, whistles and shakers they responded with noisy bravado to a series of pre-show messages flashed up on screens to either side of the stage. "Are you ready to scream? Evidently they were. "Have you been to the toilet?" Yes, they had.

Steps, for their part, have absorbed the dictum that in or-

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der to attract this kind of audience, it is necessary to adopt a musical format that does not repel the parents who will be required to purchase tickets at £14.50 a shot and provide the necessary supervision and taxi service on the night.

Thus, as the group set off at a lively romp with the chirpy harmonies and catchy pop choruses of Better Best Forgotten and Last Thing On My Mind



(an old Bananarama song), a comforting sense of continuity with the past was established. As any thirtysomething would instantly have recognised, this was basically the sound of Abba hitched to a modern house beat. Although Abba were a joke

at the time, their ocuvre is now celebrated in West End musicals, Brit Award shows and karaoke bars everywhere. Steps, for all the superficial similarities, are not in the same league, and as far as this performance was concerned, a more appropriate comparison



The Steps in action: "This was basically the sound of Abba hitched to a modern house bear

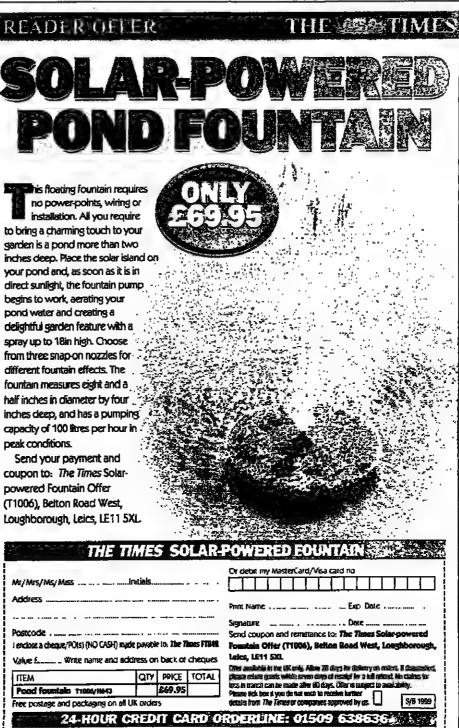
would be with Bucks Fizz or any of those other duty-free Eurovision acts.

troupe of dancers. Steps tackled their simple song and intri-cate dance routines with a bright, energetic real, conductlessly enforced jollity of a Saturday morning kids' TV show: Who hasn't got a copy of our album? Give them a boo." The set encompassed everything worth performing from their album Step One, padded out with a medley of Disney cartoon themes and an insipid version of I'll Be There For You. the theme from TV's Friends.

Call me old-fashioned, but I found the absence of any musicians in the building, let alone on the stage, a distinct disappointment. However, the fact that the entire performance was sung over backing tapes mattered not a jot to Lauren and Jack, who were up on their feet dancing along to the finale of Heartbeat, One For Sorrow and Tragedy, while giant balloons and showers of silver confetti rained down on audience and band alike.

"London, you've been the best audience in the world," one of the Steps boys said from the stage. Even Lauren and Jack looked as if they might have heard that one before as they gamely raised one last scream, on cue from the

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### Europe must face a cruel truth

Kosovo ends the myth of

security without sacrifice

osovo is a turning point for European se-curity, its outcome will determine its shape in the post-Cold War world, just as the Berlin blockade of 1948-49 defined the Cold War era. For most of the 1990s, the West has believed that security can be obtained without much risk or cost. These illusions have been shartered by Kosovo, in the very month that Nato is marking its 50th anniversary with a summit in Washington that is supposed to agree a

new "strategic concept".

The illusions date from the end of the Cold War. That was when President George Bush coined the phrase "the new world order" to describe the successful reversal of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. But these words were remaindered almost as quickly as "the end of history", that other fashionable self-delusion of 1989-91.

The Gulf War coalition turned out to be unique. The West did not have an answer to the prolonged fighting in the former Yugoslavia, the various civil wars in the former Soviet Union, let alone the slaughters of Africa, from Rwanda to Somalia.

Bosnia, in particular, cruel-ly exposed European pretensions. At the start of the break-up of Yugoslavia in 1991, Jacques Poos, Foreign Minister of Luxembourg, proclaimed "this is the hour of Europe, not the hour of the

Americans". The Bush Administration was willing to allow the European Union to take the lead, partly in the spirit of "see how you get on without us". There followed four years of killing. transatiantic sions and thankless work by British and other forces on the ground before the

American-brokered

Dayton agreement of 1995. The Americans claim it was only the belated bombing that worked. But the ride of the war had aiready changed by then. The Bosnian Serbs, having achieved most of their objectives, were being forced on the defensive by the Croat offensive and by the Bosnian

Three lessons were drawn. First, the international community could, and should, intervene in what had previously been regarded as internal conflicts when these threatened humanitarian disasters. Human rights has become as important as, if not more important than, national sovereignty - as also shown by the Lords ruling in the Pinochet case and the Northern Ireland talks. The pressure to act is higher when abuses are close to home and harrowing pictures of refugees appear on television. Among the strongest advocates of the Nato action have been politicians who made their name on rights issues and in the antinuclear, peace campaigns of the 1970s and 1980s, such as Robin Cook here and Joschka Fischer in Germany.

Secondly, whatever happened in the rest of the world. Nato (led by the United States) would have to take the lead in Europe, even without specific United Nations authorisation. The UN has neither the resources nor the will to stop fighting, while the re-emergence of the Russian and Chinese veto in the Security Council may prevent any ac-

tion being approved.

The EU is unable to act on its own. No one imagines that the EU could have kept Greece in line over Kosovo, as Nato just about has so far. The EU common foreign and security policy is still sketchy, while only Britain and, to a lesser extent. France have well trained forces which can be deployed quickly to operations such as Kosovo. Otherwise, Europe is way behind America in having up-to-date and mobile equipment for such

Thirdly, politicians in Washington concluded both from Bosnia and Iraq that precision bombing and cruise missiles could change the course of conflicts. The small number of American casualties in the Gulf created the myth of the high-tech war, and cheap and clinical intervention, while the Somalia debade in 1993 underlined both the risks in committing ground troops and the public's hostile reaction.

That has, however, created an incompatibility of ends and means. On the one hand, Western leaders accept the need to intervene to stop mass slaughter and migration. But, on the other hand, the past ten days have shown that bombing alone cannot prevent such aggression and a humanitarian disaster. Nato leaders have looked muddled

and impotent, being unable or unwilling to mobilise the means to achieve the ends. Whatever doubts were expressed ear-

lier, Nato now has to complete the job. At a minimum that that the refugees can return to their homes in Kosovo and be protected there by an international force. That may involve the use of ground troops at

new entrants to Nato (the

Czech Republic, Hungary and

Poland) are watching the conflict so nervously. There are

also lessons for the EU. While

European security still de-pends on the United States.

and on Nato, the Americans

will rightly expect the Europe-

ans to strengthen their own

armed forces, to be more of a

partner. The days of the post-Cold War peace dividend

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in Europe are over.

It is not tenable to argue that Kosovo is none of our busi-ness. It is in the strategic interests of Britain, and of Europe, to reverse the Serbian aggression. There are direct risks to the stability of surrounding countries and southeastern Europe. Moreover, a massive influx of refugees north and eastwards threatens social and political stability in the heart of Europe, and has become a key factor in Germany, Austria and Italy.

The credibility of Nato is also at stake. This is not some macho thing. Security depends on evidence of cohesion, political will and, if necessary, the successful use of force. A failure in Kosovo bia. It will then stop.

Mr Blair is not insisting that the "international force" which will would undermine Nato and post-Cold War stability in Europe. No wonder the three

supervise the return of the dispossessed Albanians must be a Nato force. That was the intention at made that impossible for Yugoslapeacekeeping force, probably with a by potential Nato strength. Nato has already recognised that

the Albanians will not return to Kosovo if they are going, once again, to be governed by the Serbs. In theory, that might mean that Nato was committing itself to an independent Kosovo, or a Kosovo



### The Serbian endgame

President of the United ter of Great Britain and the Nato authorities have all repeated their assurances that there will be no invasion of Yugoslavia by Nato ground troops. Why were they able to do so with such confidence? Not because the Nato bombing will force President Milosevic to the conference table; he has always intended to go there. Not because the bombing can prevent the continued, and terrible, expulsion of the Albanian population.

There will be no Nato invasion of Kosovo, if only because such an invasion would take months to mount; by the end of this month, the Serbian campaign in Kosovo will be over. What will then have to be decided is not whether to invade, but the negotiation of the peace terms that President Milosevic will offer, after having created the situation he wanted on the ground.

Tony Blair's article in yesterday's Sunday Telegraph shows that he is well aware of the situation, Nato is going to face. He used the article to lay down the peace terms as he would see them. They represent Nato's negotiating position. "Milosevic must be made to do the following before we stop. He must cease his campaign of ethnic cleansing: withdraw his troops; and agree to an international force that can guarantee that the dispossessed of Kosovo can return in safety now and for the future, under a proper plan that ensures that their rights are respected." By the end of April, four weeks

from now, the first condition will already have been met. The campaign of ethnic cleansing will be completed: it will have been taken to whatever point President Milosevic thinks most advantageous to Ser-

Rambouillet, but the bombing has via. Presumably it will be a UN Russian presence, possibly backed

Milosevic always gambled on partition, and plans are already being drawn up

protectorate on the present bounda-ries. That would obviously not be compatible with the Serbian war aims, but could be achieved only after victory in a ground war against Yugoslavia. It would take that to reverse Serbia's ethnic cleansing by force. Fortunately, there is the alternative of partition; it is not a perfect alternative, but it has been the 20th-century solution to ethnic conflict in many countries, including Cyprus, India, Ireland, Palestine and, most notably, Bosnia.

If we assume that President Milosevic's policy in Kosovo has throughout been based on his experience in Bosnia, it becomes much easier to understand. When he rejected the Rambouillet terms, he must have calculated that Nato would feel forced to implement the long-delayed threat of bombing, however reluctantly. He was prepared to use the Nato bombing as

an opportunity to change the balance of population in Kosovo in Serbia's favour. Months of preparation must have gone into the lightning campaign of ethnic cleansing. He would have calculated that Nato would be under strong pressure from the hundreds of thousands of refugees. He knew he would have Russia's diplomatic support. He presumably assumed, from the beginning, that Kosovo, like Bosnia, would eventually have to be partitioned. The purpose of this limited war, from his point of view, would have been to improve the terms of the partition which had become inevitable.

So far everything has gone to plan, to Milosevic's plan. Nato did start the bombing and it has provided diplomatic cover for Serbian national support for the ethnic cleansing campaign. Serbia has by now achieved the expulsion of a large part of the Albanian population of Kosovo. The bombing, not surprisingly, has raised Milosevic's status as the leader of his own

Serbian people. Russia has given diplomatic support, and Russian public opinion is strongly pro-Ser-bian. Nato has not invaded, nor taken a decision to invade; Nato is not at present able to stop, let alone reverse, the ethnic cleansing. The bombing has so far done relatively minor long-term damage to the economic infrastructure of Serbia, and presumably Nato does not

intend to inflict total damage.

The choice that will be offered to Nato is, in effect, an offer it cannot refuse. Nato can

have a Russian-brokered peace settlement on terms quite close to Tony Blair's, if it is prepared to accept the partition of Kosovo along the lines of the partition of Bosnia. The refugees would then be able to return to an Albanian sector of Kosovo, however that might be determined, where they would enjoy autonomy under UN protection. This will not

be a defeat either for Nato or Yugoslavia. Both sides will have made concessions, but will have achieved much of what they wanted. At the price of the partition of Kosovo, Milosevic will have consolidated the boundaries of an ethnically united Serbia, and Nato will have limited the Kosovo conflict and restored the refugees, if not completely. From the humanitarian point of view, a great evil has already been committed; this settlement would improve the condition of the refugees, but ground war would make it even more desperate.

Nato does, of course, have the other option, of war. Not just war in the air, but war on the ground, an invasion of Kosovo, a war against Yugoslavia. That is still not inconceivable, if Milosevic does not now follow his own exit strategy. In some months' time, if there were no sign of serious peace talks. Nato would almost certainly have to build up the threat of ground war, just as it built up the threat of bombing. If that threat did not produce a peace

sendement, an invasion might even have to be carried out. There will, therefore, be staff plans, and deliberate leaks of staff plans, for full-scale ground war. But that will be a last resort: it will only actually happen if Milosevic forces it on Nato.

Milosevic is a ruthless war criminal, but so far he has followed consistent but limited objective. the consolidation of a strong Serbian national state out of the ethnic break-up of Yugoslavia. That could only now be secured by a successful peace negotiation. It is in his interest to achieve that negotiation.

Nato has equally strong reasons to want a settlement. No one knows what to do for the dispossessed Kosovans; they are too great a burden for the poor neighbouring states. No Nato power wants to welcome them in large numbers as permanent refugees. War would not get them home, but would cause immense further suffering, and risk a wider Balkan conflict. It would also require a massive military effort and involve heavy casualties.

he war decision would be taken in the United States. which would have to provide a substantial proportion of the troops, and an even higher proportion of the technology. Even if Nato could be held together on such a policy. United States opinion is against a ground war and is likely to remain so. Americans remember the Vietnam disaster, let alone Somalia.

The United States is prepared, in the last resort, to go to war to protect a major American interest, to resist aggression, or to bring to an end an intolerable crime against humanity. That is the reason for the Nato bombing. If President Milosevic, with Russian support, offers peace terms, the United States will not risk heavy losses, or the creation of a second Vietnam in the Balkans, in order to take revenge on the undoubted wickedness of Serbia's ethnic-cleansing policy. In the Secand World War, the policy of the United States was "unconditional surrender". This is not the Second World War. Kosovo - however tragic - is one of the limited wars which have followed the ethnic break-up of Yugoslavia. and both Nato and Serbia, as well as the Russians, are already planning on the assumption of a negotiated

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### What a drag

AFTER fighting sabs for decades, New Forest huntsmen face a new enemy: each other. In an encounter reverberating around the country, they have split acrimoniously between diehards refusing to contemplate compromise and more forward-looking types who reluctantly accept that change is the only way of preserving their sport. As the Government edges to-

wards limiting hunting, Michael Thomas (below) hopes to establish a drag-hunt from the embers of the New Forest Buckhounds, which cased chasing fallow deer in 1997.
But its former chairman has been repeatedly blocked by the local old guard who consider hunting without a quarry heretical.
"It's never been all about killing

animals," says Thomas, "It's about hound-work and horsemanship. Anne Millar, who leads the opposition, says: "A drag-hunt does not count as genuine hunting. It is only genuine if there is the scent of an animal. With the drag, it is the scent of aniseed or something.



AFTER a security review at Eastbourne police station, three doors were added. But the move was undermined when it was found that the locks were mounted on the wrong side of the doors.

CLANSMEN of Tony Blair's builder are taking charge of British architecture. Deyan Sudjic, a member of Lord Rogers of Riverside's circle, is expected to be appointed by Chris Smith as his new architectural custodian.

Sudiic, the founder editor of Blueprint magazine and one-time partner of the daughter of the second husband of Rogers's first wife, would replace Lord St John of Fawsley in our affections: the new quango is to subsume the Royal Fine Art Commission.

Sudjic's appointment would follow the election of Marco Goldschmied, the managing director of Richard Rogers Parmership, as President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Lucy Musgrave, Rogers Jr's partner, already runs the Architecture Foundation.

A WELSH MP wants his colleagues' wages docked to reflect their imminent emasculation. Once a Taffy assembly is set up. Labour's Allan Rogers has urged Alun Michael, the Welsh Secretary, to adopt the policy because he and his kind will be effectively job-sharing. Imagine the kerfuffle if Donald Dewar considered such a plan for Scottish MPs.



■ GENERAL PINOCHET almost stopped Geoffrey Robertson from fine-tuning democracy in Mauritius. The leftward-leaning QC was due to fly out on Good Friday to advise on the constitution.

But beforehand he had to deliver to his publishers Crimes against Humanity, which includes a chapter on the generalissimo. With all the legal upsets, Robertson was working up to the last minute. It's an occasional hazard for writers on Robertson told me, as he darted for the last call with Kathy Lette, his novelist wife.

THE Prince of Wales's least favourite journalist is to pursue a fellowship at the New York Public Library: Anthony Holden will research a life of Leigh Hunt, the Romantic poet, fined £500 and imprison the theoretical in 1813 for attacking the thousand the same than the same time. the then heir to the throne.

EDWARD WELSH

#### 'If you buy anything of value, you drink to it. This applies to cars, fur coats . . . anything the purchaser feels he can't afford, if the truth be known' fish-shaped decanter

uy it and you have to obmyt it. Russians are very superstitious people and any purchase that has not been satisfactorily *obmyted* is liable to find itself lost, stolen. vandalised or otherwise rendered useless to the owner.

This superstitious attitude to life is highly infectious, and it takes only a month or two of residence to find oneself forbidding people from whistling indoors (you will be penniless for ever), refusing to sit at the corner of a table (you will never marry). avoiding shaking hands across the threshold (a bad omen for friendship) and always putting empty bottles on the floor (not sure about this one, but it is probably something to do with avoiding confusion in your drunken stupor over which bottles are still of use and which are

The obmytive, however, is a

different issue entirely. As much a tradition as a mere supersti-tion. A part of national heritage and a process considered to be a cheap alternative to expensive. and anyway hugely unreliable. insurance. To the Westerner it can be the

cause of great confusion. The first time I ever came across it (I realised in retrospect) was ten years ago when I was forced to participate in a vile, drunken evening at a Korean restaurant that served only mushrooms in soy sauce, and sliced cucumber (there were shortages in Moscow back then). The entertainment was a strip show that began at opm and involved some bored teenagers in yellow leotards writhing round the largely empty tables.

Sasha, a terrifying thug, spent the whole evening toasting his new car, which seemed to me the height of vulgarity and bad taste. It brought out the worst in me, and, as a kind of anti-material-istic backlash, had me up on my feet every toasts to world peace. the love of my neighhour and the spirituality in all of us. It seemed depressing that people who

only a year or so earlier had amazed me with their apparent absence of consumer psychosis and their heightened apprecia-tion for the finer things in life had so quickly transformed into the worst kind of suburban American property enthusiasts. Not only was property suddenly not theft, it seemed to be a human right. Little did I know.

Years later I got off a boat in

the Volga town of Togliatti and bought a ceramic blue and gold

little shot glasses to match. As I re-embarked, a trumpeter told me I should obniyt the set later. Since obmyt comes from the words "to wash". I thought: "He's right. I must give it a rinse." and I wandered off back to my cabin. I was in fact inviting

with some charming

It all became clear when a friend recounted a fur-coat-buying trip to Greece. Olga and her husband had taken a cruise around the Mediterranean with the object of buying this coat (they are apparently cheaper there than in Russia and are obligatory winter wear for women here). Safely back en route for Russia. Olga's husband spent

three days obmyting the coat with some friends he had made at the bar. I imagined him hanging over the side of this ship washing it in the sea for three days. When she explained what he was actually doing, it was even stupider. Basically, if you buy anything

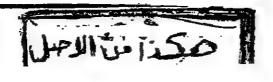
of value you have to drink to it. This is similar in concept to wetting the baby's head, but in Russia it applies to cars. fur coats, televisions and anything else that the purchaser feels he cannot really afford, if the truth

bmytiye is taken very seriously indeed here. Another friend of mine recently had her car stolen and called the police to report the crime. "Did you obmyt the vehicle, madam?" they asked, as though asking whether or not it was legally insured. "Actually, no," she replied. "We had to go away the day after we bought it and we never got round to it." The policemen rolled their eyes, tutted and shrugged their

shoulders. They seemed to be saying: "Why should we investi-gate the theft of this car when its very owners cannot be bothered to look after it properly?" Everybody has proof of the obmytive stories about the appalling disasters that befell items they stupidly neglected.

Now your Western cynic might think that this is just another Russian excuse for drinking as much as possible, but I attended a fur-coat obmytive last week, and sining around it. drinking champagne and discussing its virtues, one did feel that even if it did get stolen or lost in the near future, at least it had been fully appreciated first.

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#### PHASE THREE

Nato has two weeks in which to save Kosovo

Ten days after its military intervention hegan Nato is only now beginning to inflict the scale of damage necessary to alter Serbian calculations. The shift to Phase Three, an intensive bombardment directed at the entire infrastructure of the Serbian state, has brought obvious results. A network of military establishments has been crippled, key bridges destroyed, and oil installations disabled. The authorities in Belgrade, for whom this had been almost a phoney war for the first week, are no longer under such illusions. The various Nato publics, especially in those nations providing the majority of military materiel, have, if anything, become more not less determined to see this enterprise through. The calculated, cynical, and criminal manner in which President Milosevic has attempted to eradicate his Kosovan Albanian population has persuaded many who might have harboured doubts that there is no turning back now.

Nato has not, however, enjoyed the best of fortune. Adverse weather conditions have hindered the air campaign. The sheer determination of Serbia to get rid of the Kosovans has undoubtedly taken generals and politicians alike by surprise. A small army of armchair analysts, all operating with the considerable benefit of hindsight, has spent much of this past weekend wondering why the refugee exodus was not anticipated. In truth, even if Nato had known exactly what Mr Milosevic intend-- ed to do, there was little that could have stopped him. The hope was that the first two phases of this campaign could be completed at sufficient speed as to limit that damage. This, unfortunately, has not

proved to be the case. As a result the Serbian leadership has managed to displace approximately one third of the Kosovan Albanian population. If matters continue at this pace then Mr Milosevic will have removed the entire dissident population from his renegade province. Nato resources would then need to be redeployed from air power to a very

different form of ground war, a battle against mass hunger and disease. Nato has the orders and the opportunity to alter the balance of this awful equation. The weather is improving and the military is operating on the longest practical political leash. The United States and Britain, as senior Nato members, must ensure that the moment is seized and the momentum intensified. Absolutely nothing else will persuade the Yugoslav Army that it must sue for peace.

Mr Milosevic will not step aside quietly. It must be assumed that he will remain in power in Belgrade. If he has drained even half of the Kosovan Albanians from his soil then he will offer the rest not autonomy but partition. He will attempt to keep those parts of northern Kosovo that have an historic hold upon, and economic value to his country. He will offer Nato the almost impossible task of reconstructing human life in the remainder. Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Prime Minister, will doubtless be solicited as the middleman for this spurious "compromise". The Serbian leadership will assume that a war-weary Nato leadership will eat out of his hands. Mr Milosevic must be told, in unmistakable tones, that no such arrangement can ever be accepted.

The next two weeks are of fundamental importance to Nato. If Phase Three does not work then, in air power terms, there does not appear to be a Phase Four available. The Nato command would be faced with a fateful choice between ground troops and an all-out invasion of Kosovo or scaling back its aims and accepting the resulting humiliation. The preparations for the former should begin because the latter would be little short of a disaster. Nato's credibility as a military organisation would be shattered. There is still time for an air barrage of sufficient accuracy and scope to make all the difference. Nato has begun to alter the calculus of this conflict. Strong nerves are needed this week to ensure that this advantage really counts.

#### TREASURE IN HEAVEN

The Church needs a tax break

The Christian Church is about to mark the onset of its third millennium. The VAT system is barely 25 years old. But, in its relatively brief span, the latter has come to prove itself a serious strain on ecclesiastical funds. Though when VAT was first mooted. in the early 1970s many may have hoped that charitable organisations might have been exempted, they were proved lamentably wrong. The annual VAT bill payable on repairs done to listed church buildings alone now amounts to some £16 million. If unlisted and non-Anglican churches are included, this bill rises by almost as much again. Britain's places of worship are facing an incapacitating monetary crisis. And at a time of declining congregations and dwindling collections, churches are floundering in a financial mire. Surely the forthcoming celebration of Christianity's 2000th birthday would provide an opportune moment to try to redress this wrong?

The Government already offers some help in the form of funds delivered through such organisations as National Heritage. But by imposing VAT on repairs to church buildings what it gives so generously with one hand is filched back with the other. This illogicality arose as the result of an inconsistency in the tax system: new works and alterations to listed buildings are zero-rated, but repairs incur the full rate of VAT at 17.5 per cent which means that, while building a new parish hall might incur no tax, the repair of the leaking church roof can prove prohibitively expensive. Ecclesiastical organisations wrangle

for hours with that somewhat less spiritual organisation, Customs and Excise, debating the boundaries. Does refitting an organ, for instance, constitute a new work or a repair?

The Government's refusal to clarify such areas of confusion is inconsistent. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, may have acknowledged that it is "odd" to have an anomaly which provides "effectively an incentive for people to alter and build anew rather than repair the best of the old". But his colleagues argue that changes would entangle an already confusing VAT system in even more complexities. Even if they did want to reduce the rate, ministers claim that their hands are tied by an EU directive which excludes repairs to historic buildings in the list of items accepted as eligible for a lower VAT.

These are weak excuses. Since the Government admits that the current system is anomalous, it should propose the case for change at the Council of Ministers. It may not encounter that much opposition. Within the EU there is already a broad recognition that it would be appropriate to accept historic buildings to be suitable for a lower VAT rate. Britain's churches - like those of Europe - provide some of the nation's richest cultural repositories as well as important centres for both rural and urban communities to meet. Religion can act as a binding force among increasingly fragmented societies. It is time for the Government to prove that it has faith in its

#### **MUSEUM PEACE**

Visitors will find repose in an elegant new courtyard

Last autumn 140 years of history ended not with a bang but a whisper as the British Museum's Round Reading Room closed. Academics, whose elbows had worn smooth the same desks that Thomas Hardy and Lenin once leant over, gathered up their pens and papers and half-moon spectacles and decamped to St Pancras. At the time these creatures of intellectual habit were unsettled. A tradition as English as Earl Grey tea and London fog was passing and they lamented it.

Now, six months later, most of them are contentedly ensconced in an impressive new building, availing themselves of improved research facilities. No doubt the myriad tiny habits which accrete through the years, condensing first into customs. ossifying slowly into history, are already reforming at hundreds of new reading desks. But those who still mourn their lost Bloomsbury building will find much to console them in the architectural plans for the British Museum described in The Times Arts pages today. As the Round Reading Room becomes a centrepiece for the largest covered courtyard in Europe. one of Britain's most demure architectural icons will recapture the vision which

inspired its designer from the start Sir Robert Smirke first presented his ate a w British Museum in 1923. In these he proposed four wings containing galleries set around a rectangular courtyard, but as work progressed it became clear that additional storage was required.

And since the museum's collection was given priority over the aesthetics of the building that was to house it. Smirke's plans for elegant peramubulatory spaces were peremptorily changed. The Round Reading Room and adjoining bookstacks were constructed unside his proposed courtyard. Graceful Georgian proportions were chopped up with mezzanines, elegant window sashes were sliced and a portico was demolished and the space purloined for the addition of an extension.

Now, with the help of a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, alterations - intended to be completed in time for the 250th anniversary of the museum in 2003 - will echo Smirke's original aesthetic In a spectacular feat of engineering. a sparing, ribbed dome will be thrown - so cunrangly constructed that it will appeal unsupported - over classical façades. Within this covered plaza, temperature-modulated, flooded with light, the public will be able to stroll. If anything this design will be an improvement on Smirke's original plans for his intentions were thwarted from the start by a deep shade of stone in which grass struggled vainly to grow, and pestiler 1 apours congregated. But now, just as reliectual cogs are continuing quietly to men in the new St Pancras iocation of the great British Library, so another piece of history will be seamlessly recreated as the public once more finds

space for contemplation amid one of the

finest treasure collections in the world

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Nato planning is at 'half-cock'

From Sir John Weston

Sir, Now is not a time to carp, and our military and diplomatic colleagues need public support and encouragement in the current predicament.

But it is also, surely, the moment for the Alliance to put its money where its mouth is. We have told voters and taxpayers for years that the new Nato in the Nineties is about such things as "combined joint task forces", flexible and rapid deployment, and force projection, especially from sea to land. We have even practised such concepts expensively in far-flung spots to demonstrate their viability. We tell the UN that Nato has professional expertise to lend them in peacekeeping and crisis management.

It therefore will not do to say that all this is suddenly in the too-difficult box. Military planning is at half-cock if it does not provide for follow-through to make good in Kosovo on the ground.

This is Europe, not the other side of the world. If the Americans will not join us there, the Europeans may have to give a lead again; as we did for several years under the UN flag in Bosnia, before the Dayton agreement was struck and Nato came in to police a peace which events have now again placed in jeopardy.

Yours sincerely, JOHN WESTON (Permanent Representative to Nato. 1992-95: Permanent Representative at the United Nations, 1995-98). 13 Denbigh Gardens, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6EN.

From Professor Sir Hermann Bondi,

Sir. This is perhaps the time to appreciate the greatness of a former Prime Minister, Harold Wilson. He resisted successfully the enormous pressures to join the US in its war in Vietnam. The pressure emanated from Presi-Lyndon Johnson to whom Harold Wilson was tied not only by the special relationship but also by deep sympathy for his social outlook and policy. Moreover, the group that the US tried to prevent taking over all of Vietnam was very nasty, as evidenced later by the "boat people", perhaps the most tragic refugee movement of the last half century (of

whom many perished at sea). Yet we all agree that Harold Wilson was right and gratitude is approprate. We should remember this before we get involved yet more deeply in the

Yours sincerely.
HERMANN BONDI. Churchill College, Cambridge CB3 0DS.

From Vice-Admiral Str James Jungius

Sir, What an excellent article by Libby Purves on the Kosove affair ("Utter. bloody, folly", March 30). It was Clemenceau who said: "War is too serious a matter to entrust to military men." One hates to contradict him. but perhaps it is too important a business to be left to politicians.

Yours faithfully JAMES JUNGIUS Lawithick Mylor Churchiewn. Falmouth, Comwah TRU 5UE

From Mr Gerhard Spanier Sir, Has there ever been a civil war during which atrocities were committed by one side only?

Yours faithfully. G. SPANIER, Bryn Myfyr, 549 Middle Road. Ravenhill, Swarsea SA5 5DH.

From Mr John Preston

Sir, You report (March 30) that the BBC's Nine O'clock News has become the highest rated news programme since the start of the Nato bombing campaign. With such an obvious demand for information it beggars belief that they have chosen not to replace their scheduled programmes with more news, analysis and com-

After a brief news flash at 8pm on Wednesday, March 24, to announce the start of the campaign, the viewer was forced to wait through Changing Rooms and Holiday Reps Get Married before receiving any further information. This came from a Nine O'clock News that was extended by a

mere ten minutes. The morning of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, saw all programmes on BBCI replaced by blankee news coverage. The situation in Kesovo may not have the glantour or pondar appeal of that every it does, however, constitute the star of hostiliges that have the potential to grow into the biggest conflict in Europe since the Second World War.

For those of us who do not enjoy access to BBC News 24, the BBC's meagre coverage represents a complete failure to fulfil its remit as the provider of a public service.

: Jurs faithfully. CHN PRESTON. 20 L., noton Street, Hun :4U5 2HZ.

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#### Dismay at school music changes

From Mr Peter Auker

Sir. I am Head of Music in what was until recently a grant-maintained (now "foundation status") mixed comprehensive school in Luton. The school is vastly oversubscribed, with an enviable reputation in sport and the arts, and for its academic excellence. It has recently been awarded Arts College status, to take effect from September,

Three years ago we decided to implement our own instrumental tuition service because the service provided by the local education authority (LEA) seemed to be poorly organised, poorly staffed, and poor value for money. The improvements have been remarkable: more children taking up instru-ments, improved staff loyalty, praise from Ofsted and a dramatic improvement in exam results.

I am dismayed that we have now been ordered by our LEA to return to their control, under new local management of schools regulations. Although

we have been told we may initially keep our team of teachers, this move clearly takes away from the school much of its control over employment.

It is ironic that these regulations were brought in to safeguard music in schools. I see them as a severe threat to the service we have established and find it hard to believe that schools with demonstrably successful systems of their own are not to be allowed to retain control over them.

With all curriculum areas having to suffer a cut in funding of 40-50 per cent this year, the service to our pupils will inevitably suffer, as will staff morale. My colleagues and I are going to find it extremely difficult to resource a satisfactory service on this kind of money.

Yours faithfully, PETER AUKER, 16 Torquay Drive, Luton, Bedfordshire LU4 9LN, peter\_auker@hotmail.com April 1.

#### Care of young offenders

From Mr Martin Nary, Director General of HM Prison Service

Sir, The Director of the Prison Reform Trust suggests (letter. March 31) that locking after young delinquents "should be no business of the Prison

It is not so simple, even at Feltham Young Offender Institution. The Chief Inspector himself acknowledged that there are pockets of good practice. Only last week I was present when the Princess Royal presented Butler Trust awards in recognition of the outstand-ing work of prison officers in two

Elsewhere in establishments for un-der 18-year-olds significant progress is under way. The development of high quality, constructive regimes at Huntercombe. Thorn Cross and Werrington shows what can be achieved with carefully targeted investment. We are in the process of extending this ap-

proach to other establishments which will care for young people, in the new, distinct, under-18 establishments, using £51 million provided in the Comprehensive Spending Review. This will enable us to spread good practice consistently and transform standards across the board. The aim is to ensure that all under

18-year-olds in our care should benefit from a regume which is focused on providing a full and purposeful day. maintaining a safe and secure envi-ronment and, crucially, is aimed at preventing offending.

If we can achieve that - and I believe we can - ministers and the Youth Justice Board will have no need to look for alternative providers of accommodation.

Yours sincerely, MARTIN NAREY, Director General. HM Prison Service, Headquarters, Cleland House, Page Street, SWI 4LN. April I.

#### Hollywood 'witch-hunt'

From Mr Nigel West

Sir. The explanation for Yevgeni Pri-makov's alleged failure to find any trace of Alger Hiss in the KGB files (letters. March 27, see also letter. March 23) may be because Hiss spied for a different organisation, the Soviet Military Intelligence Service (GRU).

That Hiss did so is beyond any an men gram from Washington DC to Mos-cow dated March 30, 1945, recently declassified and released in the VENONA series, which confirms that a say in the State Department codenamed ALES had worked for the GRU "continuously since 1935", and had run a small network of agents "for the most part consisting of his

The authenticity of the text, which was decrypted in full, has not been challenged, and there cannot be any question that ALES was Hiss, for in the same telegram he was reported to have attended the Yalta Conference and to have held a private meeting there with the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Andrei Vyshinsky. Only Alger Hiss fitted this description and, contrary to John Lowenthal's view. hardly anyone now believes he was a victim of a miscarriage of justice.

Professor Ralston's assertion that the Un-American Activities Committee found only one Soviet collaborator is unsupported by the facts. The VEN-ONA texts have also demonstrated overwhelmingly the guilt of Harry Dexter White (a fact now acknowledged by his former NKVD contact), Laurance Duggan, John Abt. etc.

Based on the VENONA material. which was unavailable to Joe Mc-Carthy, and other evidence, it is far more difficult to name a single "innocent" victim of either the Hollywood blacklist or the so-called witch-hunt.

Yours faithfully, NIGEL WEST. 96 Eaton Terrace, SWIW SUG. nigel@westintel.co.uk March 27.

Food labelling

From Mr Michael Walton

Sir, Professor Ian Shaw makes, I

believe, an excellent suggestion (letter,

March 30): that American meat con-

taining growth hormones be display-

ed labelled with that information so

that potential purchasers can make

up their own minds. Surely this prac-

tical approach could be extended to

the other products that are so exer-

cising the minds of producers and

consumers alike: for example, genetically modified foods, milk from bo-

vine somatotrophin-enhanced herds

and irradiated products. Rather than

Nanny deciding for us, we can decide

forces will determine the outcome, as

I also wonder if this technique

would provide a way around the

draconian EU regulations that are

sounding the death knell of small

abattoirs, makers of speciality foods.

etc. If the product is clearly labelled as

not conforming to such-and-such an

EU directive but satisfies the relevant

British standard, is the consumer not

Thriplow, Hertfordshire SG8 7RD.

Sir, You report (April 2) that Britain's

eight-year manhunt to track Nazi

Second World War killers has cost

more than £11 million. It has resulted

in a frail old man being convicted of

crimes committed in 1942. Whatever

the gravity of the crimes, there comes

a time when the door must be shut on .

the past. Would not the money have

been better spent on the National

Health Service caring for those who

entitled to make his choice?

MICHAEL WALTON.

Yours faithfully.

Thriplow House,

War crimes

can still be helped?

Yours faithfully,

BARRY BAINES.

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From Mr Barry Baines

March 31.

Professor Shaw suggests.

for ourselves. I suspect such market

#### Teachers' pay

From Mr Hywel James

Sir, 1 believe Miss Gertrud Seidmann is wrong about pupils being the best judges of the performance of teachers (letter, April 1).

When I started teaching more than 30 years ago, there was a self-regard-ing individual in the staffroom who was worshipped by his pupils. He was popular with his classes because he flattered the children in then: and played to the gallery so to speak In fact his results were poor. The

more discriminating boys eventually saw through his approach and opted for teachers who offered a regime which was more demanding but which laid the foundations for self-reliance, hard work and success in later

I became a member of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Schools later and became convinced through classroom observation that popularity and rigour do not always go hand in hand in

Yours faithfully. HYWEL JAMES. Spencer House, Coleford, Nr Crediton, Devon EX17 5DA. April l.

#### Visiting the BM

From Sir Simon Towneley

Sn. Jayne Dowle jatinkle April II refers to the "wholeg kind of visitors" to the Bridsh Masean: All visitors saidy must be welcome to the most comprehensive museum in the world.

Circulation has always been a problem for the BM. The Great Court scheme will help to solve it and I hope Jane Dowle has made her contribu-

Meanwhile I feel sure the Trustees would be interested to learn where the would site "the excellent tempoare hisplays in more prominent ithin the building". inc obedient servant.

SEMON TOWNELEY (Trustee, 1988-93). Dyneley, Burnley, Lancashire BBII 3RE. April I.

#### of insights and lies From Mr Laurence King

Sir, Michael Holroyd's observations on biography ("Parasites and ped-dlers", March 31) seem to me to be unduly masochistic, partly because he ignores one of the most valid and interesting types of biography, that of historical figures.

Biography: an art

It appears that in his literary Utopia, these biographies and those of the recently dead would not be written at all. But how can we understand the history of a period without having some idea of the choices confronting the people who shaped it, seen from their own point of view? History would be incomparably poorer with-out the insights derived from these biographies.

I would defend, too, the biographies of contemporary sporting heroes and members of the Royal Family. The prurient interest in these figures is created partly because readers see the issues that they face in their own lives fought out on a "mythic" level in these popular biographies. However undesirable it is, new systems of morality are shaped by the accounts of the lives of famous personalities printed in

newspapers and books. Oddly, biographies of writers and artists seem to be the most questionable, as the point of their lives is very seldom the lives themselves and almost always the work they produce. which can be devalued by an overly

biographical interpretation. in the end. Michael Holroyd's invective is, I feel, directed at the motivation of biographers. Given his audience (the article being an extract from a talk to the Biographers' Club) this must surely have been largely humorous.

Yours faithfully, LAURENCE KING, Laurence King Publishing, 71 Great Russell Street, WC1B 3BN.

From Mr Roland Hill

Sir, Michael Holroyd's hit against biographers should also include Sigmund Freud, who said what seems to me the last word on the subject. According to Paul Roazen's Freud and his Followers (1971) Freud responded negatively to Arnold Zweig, who had proposed writing his biography: Anyone turning biographer commits himself to lies, to concealment, to hypocrisy, to flattery, and even to hiding his own lack of understanding, for biographical truth is not to be had, and even if it were it couldn't be used.

I am writing as a humble practitioner of the craft.

ROLAND HILL, 2 Arundel Court. Raymond Road, SWI9 4AF. March 31.

#### Signs of the times

From Mr Stephen Walker

Sir, A sign on a table in a local furniture shop states: "This item is not currently available due to its desirabili-

Whatever happened to "sold out"? Yours faithfully, STEPHEN WALKER. 223 Hartington Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 3PA.

#### Wedding gifts

From Mrs Alison Musker

Sir. As a wedding present 1 gave Georgian silver grape-scissors to a schoolfriend (letters, March 18, 24, 30 and April 2). She wrote back thanking me for the

beautiful candle snuffers". Yours faithfully, ALISON MUSKER,

8 Farley Court. Farley Hill, Reading, Berkshire RG7 ITT.

From Mr Henry Button

Sir, Mr John Cockram tells us (letter. March 24) that he has for years given a silver butter knife as a wedding present. He may have had in mind the old definition of a gentleman as someone who always used a butter knife even if he was dining by himself.

Yours faithfully, HENRY BUTTON, 17 Amhurst Court. Grange Road, Cambridge CB3 9BH. March 25.

From Mr Peter Hudson

Sir. As the knife was given as a wedding present, it should have been obvious it was intended "for butter or

Yours faithfully PETER HUDSON, Windrush, Walcot Road, Ufford, Nr Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 3BP.

From Mrs Elizabeth Bridger

Sir, The most original wedding gift we received was from a saintly retired clergyman. It was a little booklet. entitled Words of Comfort.

Yours truly, ELIZABETH BRIDGER, The Elms, 4 Common Lane, Sheringham, Norfolk NR26 8PL.

#### SOCIAL **NEWS**

#### Forthcoming royal engagements

April 7: the Duke of York will launch the Royal News Magazine on the Internet, at Cafe Internet, 22/24 Buckingham Palace Road, London SWI. April 12-15: the Duke of Gloucester will carry out engagements in Poland.

April 14: the Duke of Kent. patron, Stroke Association, will attend the association's centenary year international scientific conference, Royal College of Physicians, London.

#### Birthdays today

Professor John Albery, FRS, former Master, University College, Oxford, 63; Miss Jane Asher, actress and writer, 53; Mr Michael Bryant, actor, 71; Mr James Buckley, chief executive, Baltic Exchange, 55; Mr Andrew Buxton, chairman, Barclays Bank, 60; Baroness Delacourt-Smith of Alteryn. 83; Sir Thomas Finney, former footballer, 77; Lord Gilbert, 72; Mr Arthur Hailey, author, 79; Sir Nigel Hawthorne, actor. 70; Sir Douglas Henley, former Auditor-General, 80; Professor Denis Lawton, former director, London University Institute of Education, 68: Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, 63; Professor Donald Lynden-Bell, FRS, astronomer, 64; Mr Robert E. McKee, former chairman and managing director, Conoco (UK), 53; Mr Stuart May, former senior partner, Theodore Goddard, 62; Professor Peter Moore, former Principal, London Business School. 71: Lord Orme, 76; Mr Gregory Peck, actor, 83; Miss Jennifer Penney, former ballerina, 53; General Colin Powell, KCB, former Chairman, American Joint Chiefs of Staff, 62: Lord Rockley, 65.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Hobbes, philosopher, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, 1588; Jean Honore Fragonard, painter, Grasse, France, 1732; Sir Henry Havelock, general, relieved Lucknow during the Indian Mutiny, Sunderland, 1795; Joseph Lister, Baron Lister, surgeon and founder of antiseptic medicine, Upton, Essex, 1827: Algernon Swinburne, poet and critic, London, 1837; Spencer Tracy, actor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1900; Herbert von Karajan, conductor, Salzburg, 1908.

DEATHS: William Brouncker. 2nd Viscount Brouncker. mathematician, first President of the Royal Society 1662-77, Georges-1684: London. Danton, French Jacoues Revolution leader, executed, Paris, 1794; Robert Raikes, pioneer of Sunday schools. Gloucester, 1811; George Edward Herbert, 5th Earl of Carnarvon, archaeologist, Cairo, 1923; Douglas Mac-American Army Washington, 1964; Arthur. Chiang Kai-shek, head of the National Government in China 1928-49, Taiwan, 1975; Howard Hughes, manufacturer, aviator and film producer, on flight to Houston, Texas, 1976; Sir Arthur Harris, Marshal of the RAF, Goring, Oxfordshire, 1984.

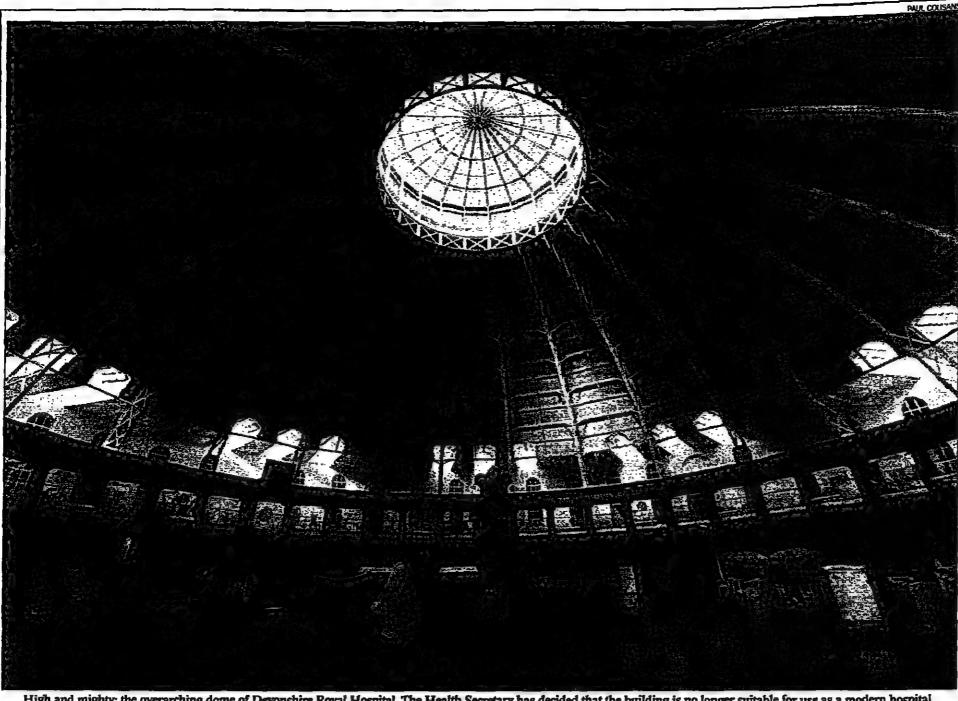
Johann Strauss's opera Die Fledermaus was performed in Vienna, 1874. The trial of Oscar Wilde began at the Old Bailey for offences arising from his friendship with Lord Alfred Douglas,

Winston Churchill resigned as Prime Minister, 1955.

The British Task Force sailed from Southampton for the Falkland Islands after the invasion by Argentina, 1982.

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High and mighty: the overarching dome of Devonshire Royal Hospital. The Health Secretary has decided that the building is no longer suitable for use as a modern hospital.

### Government puts dome up for sale

"TOR SALE" signs have gone up outside the bistoric Devonshire Royal Hospital in Buxton which boasts what is believed to be the largest unsupported dome in

In the last century the Victorians flocked to the spa town to marvel at the cavernous central feature which they cherished as an architectural wonder, wider and deeper than the Dumo in Florence and St Peter's in Rome. Nowadays, the visitor steps into an extraordinary space — part aircraft hangar, part cathedral — where steel struis, resting on an 18th-century colonnade, vault upwards towards a smaller glass cupola.

building, which has been home to the Devonshire Royal since 1934, is unsuitable for use as a modern hospital and has offered it for sale. Heritage groups have expressed centre, hotel, houses or mixed devel-alarm that the dome may go the opment. Substantial grants from

Frank Dobson, the Secretary of

An architectural wonder in the spa town of Buxton could go to the right buyer for as little as £1, reports Russell Jenkins

same way as the Crescent, built by the 5th Duke of Devoushire, which has remained empty and shrouded in security fencing for a decade.

Breeze blocks cover windows. The forforn fate of the elegant apartments, where aristocrats once took the warm spring waters, has upset conservation groups who say that Buxton, long known as the "Bath of the North", could be damaged irrevocably if the dome is allowed to fall into disrenair.

However, King Sturge, the Manhandling the sale, is optimistic that it will be able to find a suitable buyer to give the dome a new lease of life whether as a college, a conference

English Heritage would be available to the right buyer, who might pay as

Derby University has already expressed an interest in turning the dome into a modern library to give the North a building to match the Reading Room of the British Library. Mike Bryant, superintend-ent physiotherapist and the hospi-tal's unofficial historian, said: "We could claim it in the largest done in only claim it is the largest dome in Europe — one of the biggest in the world — but, there again, you don't

"As part of our heritage, it is important that people have access to the inside and only an institution which has a fairly open activity, such as a college, could accommodate that. The danger is the dome could

degenerate very quickly if left empty because there is quite an expanse of flat roof around the dome. This is not conducive to Buxton weather."

Visitors to the hospital are immediately impressed by the sheer scale of the architect's vision. The daily life of a specialist hospital, meanwhile, carries on regardless along the corridors and wards emanating from the dome like spokes in a wheel.

It was originally built in 1789 as the Duke of Devonshire's "Great Stables" by the architect John Carr. trace the path where the wealthy and influential used to exercise their

establish a hospital where the sick poor could take the healing mineral waters. In 1876 the charity's trustees acquired the rest with money from the Cotton Districts Convalescent

They decided to cover the huge circular space with a slate dome. The architect Robert Duke devised a steel structure resting on the original colonnade. Ominously, he began expressing concern about its safety after the Tay Bridge disaster. At 154ft across, it is 6ft wider than the Dumo, 14ft wider than the British Museum Reading Room and 16ft wider than St Peter's, in Rome.

It will chiefly be remembered as a specialist hospital which pioneered have come to rely less on the healing properties of the spa mineral water. horses in the open air.

In the 1850s the then Duke of Devonshire offered part of the building to the Buxton Spa charity to

Early photographs show emaciated patients in whirtpool baths, lying in shallow copper baths or enclosed in steam cabinets.

Mr M. Durham and Miss H.R.A. Gaywood The engagement is announced between Mauhew, son of Mr and Embassy, Ulaanbaatar, and Harriet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Gaywood, of Kippen Stirlingshire.

Forthcoming

marriages

Mr J.W. Handley and Dr A.K. Newho

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr W.R.C. Handley, of Bethnal Green, London, and Mrs M.C.D. Kent, of Isleworth, Middlesex, and Anna elder daughter of Dr R.G. Newhouse, of St Dominic Cornwall, and Mrs J.A. Newhouse, of Plymouth, Devon,

#### University news Ordere

The Brian Johnson Prize in Pathology for 1998 has been awarded to lames W. Dear, Brasenose College: provime accesserum: Houman Ashrafian, Si John's College, and Perdia A. Gallagher, New College

Cambridge

Queens' College Beverley Jane Glover, BSc (St Andrews), PhD (John Innes Centre, University of East Anglia) currently a Research Fellow of Queens College. Cambridge, has been elected to an Official Fellowship and College Lectureship in Plant Molecular Genetics at the

St Edmund's College The following have been elected into Fellowship: Honorary Fellowship: Bridget M Ogilvie, DBE, ScD.

Fellowships from April I: In Class C: Edwin Roy Chilvers, Professor of Respiratory Medicine In Class D: E M Katharina Brett, In Cass D. W kalabab Bergara Commissioning Editor, Cam-bridge University Press: Christ-opher Graham Rapley, director, British Antarctic Survey; Bruce William Winter, Warden, Tyndale

Re-appointed for live years from September 1, 1999: Director of finance and administration: Moira Gardiner, Corpus Christi.

The following have been awarded

honorary degrees: The Sultan of Perak, LLD: Mrs Doris Lessing, author, DLit: Pro-fessor Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Professor of Physics, Open University, DSc; Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, DSc (Econ); Professor Richard Peto, FRS, Professor of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology. Oxford University, graduate of the university, DSc (Med); Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord of Appeal, gradu-ate of the university, LLD; Profes-sor Sir William Taylor, DLit (Ed).

Manchester

The following appointments have been made:

Pro Vice-Chancellor: Professor Howard Barringer, re-appointed for two years from September 1. Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. Dentistry and Nursing: David special initiatives at the Wellcome Trust, from September, with the title of Professor of Medicine for so long as he shall continue to hold appointment as Dean.

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Appointments to Chairs Promotional Chair of Linguistics: William Croft, Reader in Linguistics, as Professor of Linguistics. Promotional Chair of Applied Mathematics: Peter William Duck, Reader in Mathematics, as Professor of Applied Mathematics In the

Ulater

The following promotions have been made:

Dr Noel Hyndman, Reader in Accounting in the School of Management, has been appointed Prolessor of Management Accounting Professor A. Marshall McCabe. Reader in the School of Environmental Studies, has been appointed Professor of Quaternary

Mrs Terri Scott, Head of School of Computing and Mathematics, has been appointed Professor of Informatics and Technology Transfer. Dr W Franklin Smyth, Senior Lecturer in the School of Applied Biological and Chemical Sciences. has been promoted to a Professor in Bio-Analytical Chemistry.

Dr David J. Sturdy, Senior Lecturer in the School of History. Philosophy and Politics, has been appointed Professor of Early Modern History.

#### Latest wills

Lord Alport, of Layer-de-la-Haye. Colchester, left estate valued at £379,365 net.

He left 200 to St John the Baptist Church, Layer-de-la-Haye, and 2000 to the Village Product Layer-de-la-Haye. Mr Oleg Prokofiev, sculptor and painter, and son of the composer. left estate valued at £4,350,318 net. John Barrie Thorndyke, of Skeffington, Leicestershire, left estate valued at £2,213,168 net.

Thomas Patrick O'Sullivan, of Beckenham, Kent, left estate valued at £1,860,641 net. Vyvyan Bernard Wells, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £1.102,466 net.

He left £20,000 to the Mackstyre Charitable Trust: £5,000 each to the RNTB, and Canger Research Campuign: £4,000 to the RSPCA: and £3,000 to the RNLL Michael Edward Wylie Samuel-son, of London W8, left estate

valued at £1.769,355 net. Maurice James Frederick Saxton of Bramshott, Liphook, Hampshire, left estate valued at £995,982

Ella Knight Smith, of Burgess Hill, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,150,568 net.

Sylvia Ury, of London NW3, left estate valued at £1,268,980 net. She left £500 to the Association of Jewish Refugers and to the Jewish National Pund. Hubert Park Walker, of London SW20, left estate valued at £1,669,509 net.

He left 55,000 each to Trinity United Reformed Charch, Wimbledon, The Old Rutisshians' Association, London SWI9, National Free Church Women's Control of London, SWI9, Battersea Home for Dogs, and the Salvation Army, and \$4,000 each to the International League for Protection of Horses, Donkey Sanctuary, and POSA. Joan Kathleen Whittaker, of Cirencester, Gloucester, left estate valued at EI,186,213 net.

Denis Gordon Woodward of Norbury, Whitchurch, Shropshire, left estate valued at £1,500,290 net. Mr Leopold Geddy, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at He left £12,000 to the Guide Dogs for the

Mr Thomas Edward Sydney Eger-ton, of Newbury, Berkshire, left estate valued at £6,730,338 net.

#### Nature notes

Birds are beginning to build their nests early this spring. across ponds trailing reed by their side, blackbirds are pulling up dry grass by the roots; starlings are flying in and out of boles with beaks

full of feathers; even chaffinchnormally quite late breeders, are constructing their mossy nests in the forks of fruit trees. More summer visitors are

The blackcap arriving: many the Mediterranean this weekend and are singing vigorously in the treetops, and the first swallows are feeding over

lakes and rivers. Lesser

up to northern coasts, are

farmland. The spring wild flowers are also opening early. There are white colonies of greater stitchwort, with its cieft petals, on roadside banks. The first bluebells are out in woods, with many

more still to unfold; they are often surrounded by a carpet of wood anemo nes. Blackthorn hedges are foaming masses SUI12,

blackcaps have come in from flowers are already fading and falling. The flowers are open on the wild cherries: where they grow at the edge of a wood of tall trees, they look like a white waterfall on black-backed gulls, moving the wood's flank.

of white blosthough many of the

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#### Church news

Appointments

The Rev Richard Awre, Vicar, Longridge (Blackburn): to be Vicar, Kenilworth St Nicholas (Coventry).

The Rev Brendan Bailey, Curate, Purley St Mary the Virgin (Ox-ford): to be Rector, Nettlebed w Bix and Highmoor (same diocese). The Rev Allan Brownridge, Rector, Boyton, North Tamerton, Wer-rington w St Giles-in-the-Heath, and Virginstow, and Rural Dean of Trigg Major (Truro): has been appointed Honorary Canon of

Truro Cathedral. The Rev Roy Burch, Vicar, Kinwarton w Great Aine and Haselor (Coventry): has been appointed Rural Dean of Akester (same diocese). The Rev Dr Judith Bryan, Assist-

ant Curate, Wolverhampton St Matthew (Lichfield): to be Chaplain, University of Hull (York). Canon Neil Collings, Rector. Harpenden St Nicholas, and Honorary Canon of St Albans Cathedral: to be Residentiary Canon of Exeter Cathedral.

#### The Rev Ronald Crankshaw,

Vicar, Wigan St Anne, and Area Dean of Wigan West (Liverpool): to be Vicar, Heston St Leonard The Rev Timothy Davis, Curale, Fisherton Anger (Salisbury): to be Team Vicar, Abingdon Christ Church (Oxford).

The Rev Dr lan Farley, Vicar, South Lambeth St Stephen (Southwark): to be Vicar, Bacton w Edingthorpe w Witton and Ridlington, and Industrial Chaplain, Bacton Gas Terminal (Norwich).

Retirements and resignations The Very Rev Peter Berry, Rector and Provost, St Philip's Cathedral (Birmingham) retired April 30. The Rev John Druce, Rector, East Bergholt, and Priest-in-Charge, Bentley w Tattingstone 1St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) retired

The Rev John Harper, Vicar, South Brent and Rattery (Exeter) to retire June 30. The Rev George Southey, Vicar, Scarborough St Columba (York) to retire June 30.

#### PERSONAL COLUMN

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And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Je-rusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon." Luke 24.33-34 (AV).

BIRTHS GREGORY - On 1st April, to Susan, Adrian and Charlotte, a con, Kristlan Alexander Smart

MCSAM - On 30th March to Alison (nee Mackay) and Aliso a boy, Euan, brother to Calum, both well **DEATHS** 

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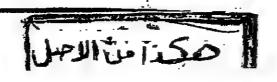
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he descended into alcoholism and drug-abuse, going bankrupt in 1972.
Yet in the late 1950s and early 1960s,
I Lionel Bart was the right man in the right place. Just as Osborne, Arden and Wesker overhauled the English theatre, Bart brought the energy of rock to the musical stage, and set rolling the block-buster bandwagon that Tim Rice, Andrew Lowd-Webber and Cameron Mackintosh Lloyd-Webber and Cameron Mackintosh were all to board. In Bart's early shows, he broke away from the convention of breading a series of arbitrary situations onto a musical string, and instead wrote catchy music to serve the purposes of proper storytelling and drama.

He was born Lionel Begleiter, the son of a Jewish tailor. He did his National Service in the RAF and studied at St Martin's School of Art. His first work in the theatre was as a scene-painter. In the meantime he had dropped his unwieldy name (adopting that of his local hospital). and become involved in a skiffle band in Soho. He helped Britain's original pop idol, Tommy Steele, into the Top Ten with his first record. Rock with the Cavemen in 1956, and then worked on the stage show The Tommy Steele Story, which won an lyor Novello Award. Bart was to write several other hits, including chart-toppers. for Cliff Richard (Living Doll, 1959) and in Anthony Newley (Do You Mind,

In 1959 he wrote the songs for Fings Ain't Wot They Used TBe, Frank Norman's cheerful piece about small-time Soho crime and criminals, which was

#### LIONEL BART



Lionel Bart (left) in his heyday, around the time of the filming of Oliver!, with Peggy Mount as the Widow Corney, Mark Lester as Oliver Twist and Harry Secombe as Mr Bumble

all its faults refuses to be dislodged from the memory. In the same year he wrote the music for Lock Up Your Daughters, Bernard Miles's adaptation of Fielding's Rape Upon Rape, with which the new Mermaid Theatre opened at Puddle Dock, But it was Oliver! in 1960 that proved Bart's greater and process and proved the provents and provents. greatest and most enduring success, though he later claimed that half of it was written during rehearsals. The show was

full of hit songs which were quirky, good-natured and hummable, including Food, Glorious Food, Oom-Pah-Pah. I'd Do Anything, You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two and Consider Yourself (One of Us). This was Dickens diluted, but Bart unadulterated: he was responsible not only for music and the lyrics of the songs, but for the whole text. Though its point of departure was Oliver Twist and the libretto necessarily includes all the famous Dickensian dicta, the story in Bart's hands became a sunnily optimistic comic melodrama, stripped of all the terrors and

evil of the original. Ron Moody's Fagin was more of a fatherly figure than a ruthless crook. In 1966 Oliver! became the longest-running musical in the history of the London stage. The film, which also featured Oliver Reed, Harry Secombe, Longotte Bourists and Moore Reviews.

appeared in 1968, and the stage show was revived in 1967, 1971 and 1994. As Bart saw it, the musical was a step towards popular-style folk opera. His next, Blitz, in 1962, was a spectacular work in which the story and its varied situations, like the rather grandiose music, attempted to recreate the stoicism. uncomplaining courage and unconquera-

Leonard Rossiter and Megs Jenkins,

ble good humour with which, British audiences like to be told, Londoners endured aerial bombardment.

Maggie May in 1964 saw Bart collaborating with the dramatist Alun Owen to tell the story of the archetypal Liverpool dockside prostitute in a new light. Told in Liverpool street song, her adventures were cruelly unsentimental, but Owen's story of her early love affair with a martyred political idealist was apparently meant to explain the heartlessness of her later behaviour. Maggie May demanded that Bart worked on an even larger scale than he had for Blitz, with extended dances, choruses and a large orchestra. It

also demanded extended musical sections in which music had to cope not only with Bart's skilful easygoing lyrics, but with naturalistic dialogue. These were chal-lenges to which his unstrenuous gifts for catchy and neatly rhythmical tunes were hardly equal.

Blitz and Maggie May were not resounding successes, and the genesis of Twang!! in 1965 was so stormy as to prevent it ever catching fire. The story was based on the legendary exploits of Robin Hood, but Twang!! became a battleground, fought over throughout a provincial tour by its author-composer and its didactic and awkward director,

Joan Littlewood. The dialogue, scenes and order of events seemed to change night by night, and at the London opening their purposes remained crossed, intentions were never less than contradictory and success was impossible. Even the charms of Barbara Windsor as Maid Marian could not endear the show to the critics. Still worse was to follow in 1969 in New York, when Bart's La Strada, based on a Fellini film, closed after one night.

During the 1970s Bart's drinking became a problem — he was twice convicted of driving while intoxicated and his health suffered. He later became teetotal, but despite talk of endless new projects, he had lost confidence. He sold the rights to Oliver! for a few thousand pounds. With his memories in a trunk and ideas never quite coming to fruition, he lived quietly in Acton, where he was sometimes mistaken for Bob Hoskins. Like several other composers in the

world of popular music, Bart was a self-taught musician and virtually a one-linger pianist; his work was dictated to others, who orchestrated it in collaboration with him and who naturally influenced its harmonies. Critics who derided his palpable derivativeness were missing the point, Echoes of Victorian ballads, of Hymns Ancient and Modern, of music-hall songs and of other musicals simply meant that Bart was working within a definite if debased popular tradition. What he wrote grew out of the musical world in which he grew up, and it provided him with the essential musical expression of the characters with whom he was concerned: small-time crooks from sleazy Soho joints, whose criminality is more comic than anti-social, a Fagin, Bumble and Nancy who were quaint rather than evil, a prostitute who became heartless only because her broken heart would not heal.

Within the derivative, sentimental, mid-Atlantic tradition which came naturally to him, Bart worked not only sincerely but with great conscientious-ness. Though his reach exceeded his grasp, he knew exactly what he wanted and where he intended to go; what he lacked was the technical equipment and the necessary discipline. But Oliver! has a permanent place in the stage repertoire. He never married.

#### JESSE STONE

rbythm and blues pioneer. died in Altamoute Springs, Florida, on April 1 aged 97. He was born in Atchison, Kansas on November 16, 1901.

WHEN rock in roll was in its infancy, Jesse Stone was al-ready in his fifties, with a career that was virtually synonymous with the development of black American music during the first half of the century. He then used his experience of half a lifetime spent playing jazz, swing and rhythm and blues to become one of the seminal figures in the birth of rock 'n' roll.

Although in his own right Stone never became a household name, he played a pivotal role as an arranger, producer and writer at Atlantic Records in the 1950s, working on many of the records which were to shape popular music.

Among his own compositions were Idaho for Benny Goodman and Money Honey for the Drifters. He also arranged Big Joe Turner's Shake, Rattle and Roll, 2 song which became the second rock'n'roll hit for Bill Haley and the Comets, as the followup to Rock Around the Clock

The grandson of Tennessee slaves. Stone was born in rural Kansas and began in showbusiness before the First World War, touring with his family's minstrel show. By the 1920s he was living in Kansas City, which then rivalled New Orleans as a jazz centre, thanks to its City Hall's tolerant attitude to late-night drinking and gambling joints. As a pianist Stone led his own "territory band", which at different times included the jazz saxophonist Coleman Hawkins and the likes of Budd Johnson and Alton Moore. Yet Stone seemed to have a finger in every musical

pie. He discovered the country blues singer J. D. Short in St

Louis in the 1920s, and went

on to become musical director

of other Kansas City bands.



Jesse Stone with his wife Evelyn McGee Stone in 1996

rence Holder, George E. Lee and Thamon Hayes. He returned to leading his

own band in the mid-Thirties and in 1936 Duke Ellington secured him a booking at New York's Cotton Club. He also worked at the city's equally famous Apollo Theatre, not only arranging, composing and directing from the bandstand, but writing sketches and jokes for some of the comic turns.

In 1942 his composition Idaho was covered by Benny Goodman, and it went on to be a jazz standard, recorded also by Jimmy Dorsey and Guy Lombardo, whose version sold three million copies. At the same time Stone also became musical director of the Interna-

including those led by Tertional Sweethearts of Rhythm, group of Mississippi orphans who became a highly

> American servicemen. When Ahmet Ertegun established Atlantic Records in 1947, he took on Stone as his right-hand man, and the label swiftly became the leader in authentic black rhythm and

successful all-female jazz band

that toured Europe playing to

Often writing under the name of Charles Colhoun, Stone worked with many artists, including Ray Charles on Should Have Been Me. Many years later, on the occasion of Stone's 95th birthday. Ertegun described his role: "You wrote the tunes and the arrangements: you assembled the players; you ran the rehearsals; you conducted in the studio."

Stone also put together a remarkable in-house vocal harmony group called the Cues, who sanji with everyone from Ruth Brown to Nat King Cole, and in 1953 he co-wrote Soul on Fire for LaVern Baker, the first record produced by Jerry Wexler. A few weeks later Wexler went back into the studio with Clyde McPhatter and the Drifters to record Stone's Money Honey.

The following year Stone helped Big Joe Turner, whose repertoire had previously consisted mostly of blues ballads, to record Shake, Rattle and Roll. The song was covered by Bill Haley and Elvis Presley. and popular music was never the same again.

Stone continued working with Wexler, on records such as the Clovers' Your Cash Ain't Nothin But Trash and Chuck Willis's C. C. Rider. Later, as the music scene changed in the 1960s, he branched out into manage-

In the period when Stone was at his most productive, popular music was regarded as ephemeral and its exponents to be mere shootingstars. The backroom staff attracted little interest outside the music industry. But by the 1970s artists such as Ry Cooder had revived interest in the work of the early rhythm and blues pioneers, and Stone was recognised as one of the men who had shaped modern urban black music. Ertegun, again, was quick to pay generous tribute, saying that Stone had done more to develop the basic rock 'n' roll

sound than anybody else". Stone retired in the early 1980s and moved to Orlando, Florida. Yet he continued to work sporadically, and accompanied his wife, the singer Evelyn McGee Stone, on her recent album Jump Back. She survives him, and has said that when he was admitted to hospital on March 27, he was writing a new song, entitled That's It.

#### ANDREW GARDNER

Andrew Gardner, newscaster died of a heart attack on April 2 aged 66. He was born on September 25, 1932.

ANDREW GARDNER was the presenter of News at Ten with Alastair Burnet when it went on air from an attic studio in Kingsway for the first time on July 3, 1967. It was Britain's first half-hour news programme in prime time on a mass-audience channel, and that night's news included items about a train strike averted, fighting on the Suez Canal and Roger Taylor reaching the Wimbledon semi-finals. That original improvised studio was often so hot that Gardner and Burnet took their socks off beneath the

desk as they addressed the nation. Gardner's appointment was a shrewd one by the then Editor of ITN, Geoffrey Cox. A big man in every sense, Gardner stood off oin tall and possessed a classless yet unmistakably English voice which was ideally suited to ITN's style of journalism: it had dignity and gravitas, yet was distinctly different from the standard BBC voice of the period.

For most of the 1970s, he and Reginald Bosanquet were the most readily recognised faces of ITN News, as Sir Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall were to be in the 1980s. Though the two men could not have been more different in personality, Gardner and Bosanguet had a close relationship, and Gardner readily admitted that they were "the Morecambe and Wise of current affairs" - with himself as the straight man. Their good-humoured relationship helped to keep events in perspective amid the regular panics of nightly news broadcasting, and after Bosanquet's death Gardner defended his old colleague against the colourful stories about him that surfaced from time to time in gossip columns, some of which were baseless.

Andrew Gardner was educated at Dauntsey's School, West Lavington, Devizes, and did his National Service in the RAF. He joined ITN in 1961, having worked in Rhodesian broadcasting since 1957 and subsequently at the BBC. He was already an established newscaster when News at Ten started, having worked on ITN's Roving Report and Dateline.

In the ITN tradition, Gardner worked occasionally as a reporter in the field, covering, for instance, the Great Train Robbery in August 1963. Production teams admired him, because he was easy to work with and always cool at moments of crisis. In the studio he was the epitome of a sound anchor; yet when he took part in tests it was found that his heart rate



Andrew Gardner, standing, in the old ITN newsroom in Kingsway, with (right to left) David Nicholas, Alastair Burnet and George Fitch

rose from the usual 73 to around 110 beats

For the best part of 20 years, he was a member of ITN's election night team, dealing with the constituency results as they poured in at the rate of seven a minute in the small hours. He had an impish sense of humour but was dogged when he argued his cause, and successive editors valued his judgment on issues of taste and decency.

He left ITN in 1977, moving to Thames as a presenter. He retired in 1992. He also was an accomplished and witty after-

dinner speaker. In recent weeks he had had many meetings with old ITN colleagues as News at Ten came to an end, and he gave a number of interviews recalling the early days. He specifically asked to be in the control room for the last transmission on March 5, telling friends that as he had been there on the programme's first night, he wanted to be in on the last.

He had suffered for years from back trouble and shortly before his sudden death had undergone major surgery on his spine and knee.

He met his wife Margaret while working in Africa, and they were married in 1958. She survives him, along with their

#### DRUGS USED FOR **SLIMMING**

REFERENCE was made at the monthly meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society, held at its Bloomsbury Square headquarters yesterday, to the recent case in which a girl dancer was found to have died through an overdose of drugs taken for slimming purposes.

A letter had been received from the Home Office, stating that the Home Secretary was of the opinion that if, as he was informed, drugs of the nitrophenol group were highly poisonous, they should be placed under the utmost restriction possible pending the coming into force of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933. The letter inquired whether the council of the Pharmaceutical Society was prepared to mitiate the steps necessary to add to Part I of the Poison Schedule such nitrophenols and preparations containing them as were likely

to be retailed to the public. During the discussion Mr Beardsley had pointed out that the chemist from whom the tabless had been purchased had told the purchaser that she would be well advised to take them only under doctor's orders, and that the Coroner, at the inquest, had made it clear that the chemist had taken all reasonable

#### ON THIS DAY

#### **April 5, 1934**

Sixty-five years ago. a dancer died after taking an overdose of a drug in order to reduce her weight; a few months later the Pharmaceutical Society, prompted by the Home Secretary, took action to prevent it from being on general sale.

On the proposal of the Vice-President (Mr S. Peck), seconded by Mr. Hardy, a resolution to add these substances to Part I of the Schedule of Poisons was passed as follows: That by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in the council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, the said council doth hereby resolve and declare that the Schedule to the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, ought to be amended by the addition to Part I of the following words: Dinitrophenols, dinitro-cresols, preparations or admixtures containing dinitrophenols: preparations or admixtures containing dinitrocresols; and that a copy of this resolution be sealed with the corporate seal of the council.

It was stated that the resolution would be sent to the Privy Council for consideration and

approval.

At an inquest at Paddington last month on a young woman cabaret artist, who died through an overdose of a drug which she had taken to reduce her weight, it was stated by a witness on behalf of the makers of the drug that in September, 1933, his company suggested that this preparation should be placed on the Poisons List so that it could not be bought except as a result of medical prescription. The company had no reply to the first letter, the witness said, and a second was sent and the reply received was that the matter was having consideration.
On March 22 the Home Secretary stated in

the House of Commons that the Poisons Board, set up under the Pharmacy and Poisons Act of last year, was considering the restrictions to be applied to that and other poisons. He was also in consultation with the Lord President of the Council and the Pharmaceutical Society, the responsible authorities until the new Act comes into force, with a view to its being scheduled as a poison at the earliest possible date, and he was taking up the matter with the manufacturers with a view to the adoption of further precautions.

#### **MAJOR BASIL WATTS**

Major Basil Watts, MC, wartime light infantryman, died on February 26 aged 78. He was born on January 29, 1921.

WITH the Second World War in Europe in its terminal phase, Basil Watts won his Military Cross for overcoming German last-ditch resistance in the ruins of Bremen at the end of April 1945. It must be accounted truly astonishing that after having been assailed and ground down by a numerically and materially superior enemy ever since June 6. 1944, the Germans were, by that stage, still capable of mounting any worthwhile resistance.

Yet the fact was that when Watts and C Company 4th Battalion Somerset Light In-

fantry closed in on an important road junction in what was left of the western suburbs of Bremen on the evening of April 27, 1945, they found that their path was most stoutly and stubbornly barred by a dedicated band of mostly teenaged defenders. These youthful zealots had already repulsed the attacks of one British infantry battalion, and it took stern measures from Watts and his men to over-

come their resistance. Advancing behind flamethrowers, C Company ruthlessly cleared strongpoint after strongpoint. On one occasion when fire was opened on them from behind the company. Watts himself dashed into the house from where it was issuing and shot dead the

defenders.

His inspired leadership which was always from the front - secured the road junction, and with the capture of more than 300 prisoners (who included many senior German officers), the organised resistance in Bremen was: brought to an end. When awarded his Military

Cross, Basil Watts / was pleased to receive a congratulatory letter from Lieutenant Joe Vandeleur of the Irish, Guards (who was played by Michael Caine in the film A Bridge Too Far).

Watts and the 4th Somersets had fought their way into Germany all the way from the Normandy beachtread where they had been detoosited the previous June. He' had been involved in the futile attempt to relieve airborne, troops at

Arnhem and then in the bitter fighting in the Ardennes.

At the end of the war he found himself in charge of the Volkswagen works at Wolfs-Eurg. After retiring from the Army he kept up his soldiering as a Territorial with the 14th Battalion The Parachute Regiment, and carried out more than 100 jumps. One of the best of the TA rifle shots. he was a member of the regimental team which won the China Cup at Bisley in

He also featured in Charles Wheeler's BBC television documentary on the Battle for Normandy, made in 1994 to mark its 50th anniversary.

In civilian life Watts worked for Shell and then BP. He leaves his widow, Susan, and thèir two daughters.

### THE TIMES TODAY

#### **BALKANS WAR**

#### Britain offers refugees hope

Thousands of ethnic Albanians are to be given temporary shelter in Britain and other Western countries, following another 24 hours of mass exodus from Kosovo. Emergency measures will also include a sanctuary for 100,000 refugees in the Former ....Reports. pages 1-9 Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia....

Prison camp claims

They thought they had found sanctuary after fleeing Kosovo. but 1,000 refugees were held at gunpoint in what they described as a hilltop prison camp. They pleaded with Macedonian soldiers to let them contact relatives willing to shelter them..... Page 3

Aid arrives in Albania American and French helicopters arrived in Albania. carrying emergency aid to refugees whose exodus from Kosovo threatens to overwhelm local authorities. The aircraft will establish an air bridge in a belated attempt to bring food and shelter to about the mass of people stranded on

Bonn shareout plan

Germany, which took on more than 300,000 refugees during the Bosnian and Croatian conflicts, is bracing itself for a new wave of asylum seekers from Kosovo. This time, though, it wants a strict shareout of refugees among EU countries\_

Pope's plea to Serbs The Pope, whose diplomatic initiatives to end the war in Kosovo have so far fallen on deaf ears, yesterday made an impassioned appeal for Belgrade to allow a humanitarian corridor to be opened so help could be sent to Page 4 the borders...



#### Sinn Fein denies accord 'sell-out'

Republican leaders sought to placate grass roots fears of a Sinn Fein sell-out by calling the latest demands for IRA decommissioning of weapons "dangerous and provocative". Sinn Fein leaders used Easter railies across Ireland to restore confidence and faith among party members.

Police renew inquiry

Inquiries into the death of a black student have been re-launched after a secret police review heavily criticised the initial investigation. Senior officers are awaiting the resuits of a new post mortem on Daniel Blake, whose body was found on a railway line three .... Page 11

Libya handover nears An Arab delegation headed to Libva yesterday for the expected handover of two Lockerbie bomb suspects to the United Nations. The group flew to the Tunisian island of Jerba from where they were to be driven over the border

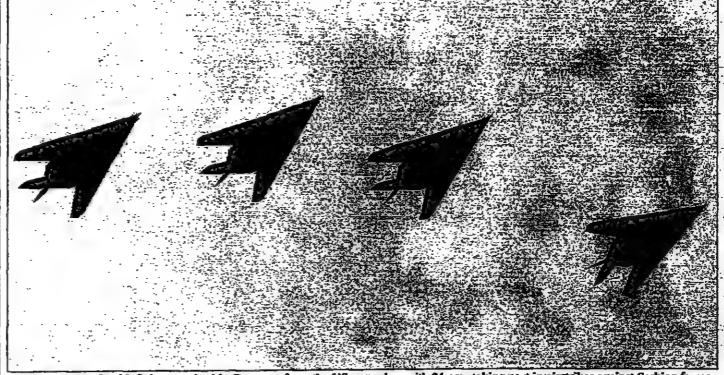
Teacher salary tip

The leader of the National Union of Teachers predicted that the threat of industrial action in schools would force the Labour Government to abandon plans for performance-related pay and instead award £1 billion in salary rises of up to £3,000 for every

Towns vie to be cities A battle is underway in the council chambers of England and Wales for the prize of being the last city to be created this millennium. The Queen intends to mark the event, and the 50th anniversary of her ascension to the throne. . Page 12 by grants of city status....Page 13

Police in cold pursuit of 25mph pensioner

A police patrol set off in cold pursuit when it spotted an elderly woman driving erratically. In a low-speed chase lasting half an hour, the milometer touched 25 miles an hour as Annaleise Wood, 70, weaved across the country road and clipped the occasional kerb. The police eventually used a "stinger" device more often used to burst the tyres of teenage speedsters......Page 11



Another 13 F117 Stealth fighters arrived in Germany from the US yesterday, with 24 now taking part in airstrikes against Serbian forces

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Tennis: Tim Henman won an enthralling five-set match against Todd Martin to bring Great Britain Footbalk After Robbie Fowler's cocaine antics he should reflect that a transfer away from Liverpool, even to Manchester United, would have opened his mind ..... ... Page 34 Cricket: England's cricketers notched up an impressive 112-run win against Pakistan A in Lahore, with Nick Knight and Graeme Hick outstanding.... Rugby union: Wasps, who have played in four cup finals and have yet to win one, will have even great-

er motivation for their fifth attempt when they meet Newcastle Palcons on May 15... There is irony in the fact that the Eurocean leaders now raining bombs

down on the Serbs are all children. of the anti-war Sixties. Massimo D'Alema, the Italian Prime Minister, is an ex-communist who was at the forefront of anti-Vietnam demonstrations in his youth. Former German peace activists like Daniel Cohn Bendit are now urging on the Luftwaffe, and Tony Blair, who once had long hair and idetised John Lennon, is the most hawkish.

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music in schools; the art of biogra-The flower power generation has discovered the power of war.

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The next two weeks are of fundamental importance to Nato. There is still time for an air barrage of sufficient accuracy and scope to make all the difference to the situation in Kosovo. But strong nerves will be

#### Treasure in heaven

The Government admits that the current system of VAT charged on repair to church buildings is anomalous. It must now propose a case for change at the European Council. of Ministers

#### Museum peace

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#### WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Milosevic presumably assumed, from the beginning, that Kosovo. like Bosnia, would eventually have to be partitioned. So far everything has gone to plan Page 20

#### PETER RIDDELL

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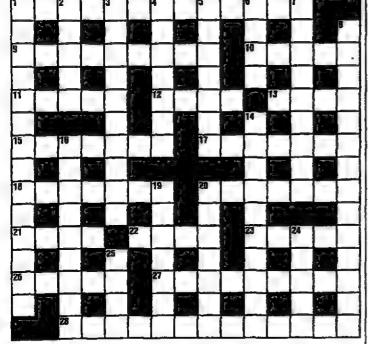
#### ANNA BLUNDY

If you buy anything of value in Russia you have to drink to it. This applies to cars, fur coats, televisions and anything else that the purchaser feels he cannot afford .... Page 20

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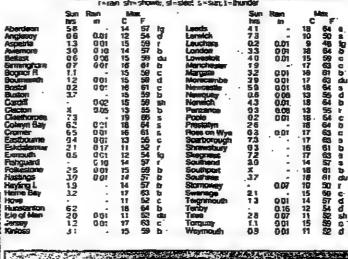
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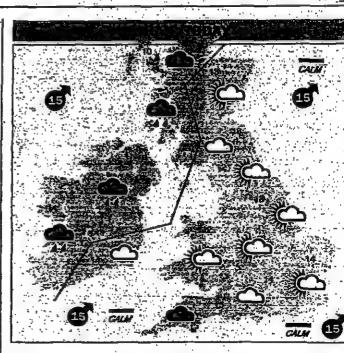
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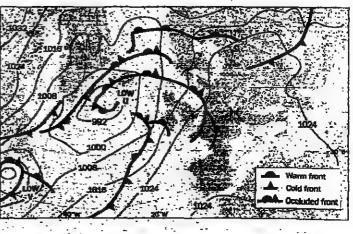
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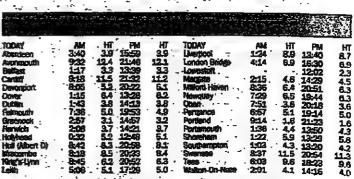


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# Henman's tie worn with distinction

Briton levels to ensure final twist

By ALEX RAMSAY, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

"AT THIS level, it is not about taking part, it is all about winning and losing." It was a very un-British thing for Great Britain's favourite son to say, especially on such a patriotic occasion, but for once Tim Henman had every right to be as bullish as he liked as he kept his country's Davis Cup hopes alive in their world group tie with the United States yesterday. He had just beaten Todd Martin 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 in front an ecstatic crowd in Birmingham to level the tie at two rubbers all and leave Greg Rusedski to fly the

flag in the decider.

Henman has earned his corn this weekend; by the time that he left the court, he had played nearly 11 hours of tennis in three days and shown that he is a fast learner in this game. On Friday night, he could barely hide his misery after he had lost to Jim Courier. At the time, he said he was just not ready for what he had faced. The pressure, the intensity of the moment and the expectation of 9.400 cheering supporters had got to him and he was struggling from the start. Just 41 hours later, he was prepared for the battle and ready to win.

"Once you realise you are in a new experience, then you accept it and get on with it," he said, looking a much happier man. "I got used to it and I was able to approach today's singles a bit differently. I was prepared for the atmosphere, I was prepared for the intensity, and I won."

The match yesterday was just what Martin did not want. After two months of struggling with a pulled abdominal muscle, the thought of three matches back-to-back was not his idea of fun. By yesterday afternoon, he booked weary from the start. Then again, so did Henman, but both showed that when it comes to playing with no fuel

Rob Hughes..... Double delight... Lynne Truss.....

left in the tank, both can run for hours on fumes alone. If Herman took his time to pick up speed, Martin showed that he has reserves beyond belief. Just when he looked down and out, he came back to make Herman work even harder to

achieve his dream. The beauty - and the frustration - of Davis Cup-ties is that they are played over the best of five sets. Winning one set can settle the nerves, but there is still a long way to go from there. Surprisingly, then, the whole match turned on one duff line-call. Having taken the first set as a gift from Henman — the Britain No I dropped his service by hitting just one first service in play and throwing in a couple of miserable forehand errors -Martin was in charge. He broke for a 4-3 lead in the second set and was serving at 30-15 when he planted a backhand volley. He thought it was in, even Henman thought it was in, but the line judge thought otherwise. Suddenly, the gentlemanly Martin was livid - or as livid as he is likely to get. Swatting away the ball in fury, he took his mind off the job and Henman was back in the match, breaking Martin's service to level the

"I would hate to think that I am making excuses for myself," Martin said, "because it was my fault I lost my concentration. But it would have been a hell of a lot easier to keep my GREAT BRITAIN 2 - 2 UNITED STATES

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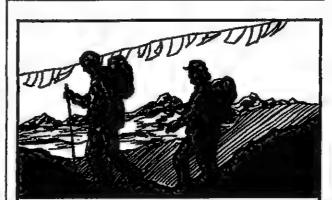
ment, but not in Davis Cup." And, being Davis Cup, it brought from Henman a level of play that he has not been able to reach all year. From a 29 per cent first-service figure, he was now banging in his first service with confidence and venom. He swept Martin aside to take the next five games, winning the second set and taking an early and vital lead in the third. For that spell, he could do no wrong - the ace count reached double figures and when forced to stay on the baseline, he was winning points from here as well. The massed ranks of the

The massed ranks of the British support crew — everyone that David Lloyd, the captain, could lay his hands on had been brought in to swell the numbers — were armed with rattles and flags, but spent much of the afternoon alternately chewing their nails and jumping from their seats with sheer joy and relief as first Hemman was broken for the United States to go 3-2, before breaking back two games

later, sending a backhand return down the line to take the Martin service to love and head for the tie-break.

By this stage, the crowd, who cheered and screamed for more than three hours, could hardly contain themselves. Henman sped to a 4-0 lead, "but even then I knew I had to play some tough points yet", he said. His eighteenth ace brought him match point and when his next service was called out, the shout was lost in the cheers as the crowd leapt to their feet thinking that Henman had won. Calm and controlled. Henman resumed his position on the baseline and, as Martin's final backhand headed for the net, he saluted the crowd that had taken him through 11 hours of frustration and delight and ran to greet his team-mates.

"It was a great match, that's the best way to describe it." Henman said. Even Martin could not disagree. "Tim is not No 7 in the world by accident," he said. "He's a heck of a player and today he proved he's a great competitor as well." More than 9.000 of the faithful in Birmingham had known that all along.



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Iron fist. Henman shows the steel during his defeat of Martin that took the tie down to the wire in Birmingham yesterday. Photograph: Mare Aspland

### Miller's heroics contrast with captain's flaws

FROM PAT GIBSON IN ANTIGUA

IT WAS more like the Sunday slog than the critical contest that will decide the destiny of the Frank Worrell trophy as Colin Miller, Australia's unsung hero, playing in his first match of the series, broke the West Indies grip on the fourth and final Test here yesterday.

Brian Lara's policy of con tainment in the knowledge that Australia had to win the game to square the series and retain the trophy was working to perfection when they slumped from their overnight total of 221 for five to 242 for eight in the face of an electrifying spell from Curtly Ambrose.

The trouble was that even Lara seemed to be carried away by the romance of it as the fast bowler from the tiny village of Sweets rolled back the years once more. Lara simply kept him on too long and Miller took full advantage. hooking Ambrose for two sixes on his way to 43 out of 53 for the ninth wicket and, with Steve Waugh, his captain, lifted Australia to a total of 303.

Miller then added to his laurels with the ball, having Adrian Griffith caught behind in his first over, to leave West Indies on 19 for one, and Sherwin Campbell caught at second slip, in his second to leave the West Indies struggling at 30 for two and much again depending on Lara.

Australia's hopes had been resting on Waugh when he rely, he made no attempt to protect the tail that looked even more vulnerable for the absence of Shane Warne, whose batting has improved only for

The lan Healy of old would have needed no protection, of course, but his batting has

#### SCOREBOARD.

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gone to pieces and he had managed only to advance from four to six when he followed a ball from Ambrose and edged it comfortably to second slip.

In seven innings in the series, Healy has made 37. That wicket was Ambrose's 363rd in Tests, taking him past

imran Khan into seventh

ing wicket-takers, and two more quickly followed as Adam Dale and Stuart MacGill continued to provide slip-catching practice. Waugh surveyed it all im-

passively from the other end. demonstrating only too well why the determination and single-mindedness that make him the batsman he is do not mean that he is a good cap-tain. He has done his best to match Lara's match-winning performances in the past two Tests in Jamaica and Barbados, scoring 100 in one and 199 in the other, but he seems to have learned nothing from his counterpart's object lesson in how to bat with lesser mortals.

If Waugh's tactic with the bat was hard to understand, then so was Lara's strategy in ney Walsh, his faithful accomplice, were obviously wilting after more than an hour's bowling in the hot sun, yet Lara kept them on in the face of Miller's onslaught. It was agricultural stuff

from the Tasmanian, who has always appeared to be more like a club cricketer than a Test player with his penchant for switching from mediumpaced seamers to off spin as the situation demands, but it was highly effective, apart from one hilarious moment when he swung with such gusto that his bat sailed out of his hands towards the square-

He had made his 43 off 38 balls when he heaved at the left arm spin of Jimmy Adams and gave a simple catch to mid-on, whereupon Lara right-. ly summoned Ambrose to collect his reward, which he duly did on the stroke of lunch by

removing McGrath to claim his 22nd five-wicket haul. Waugh was left unbeaten on 72 after more than three hours at the crease, but he had added only 20 in the morning session. and invited harsh questions

Miller runs a single on the second day of the fourth Test during his highest Test score of 43

about exactly where his priori- bly from the first day.

ties lie. His legitimate answer would be that, without him, Australia would not have got anything like as many as they did and at least they had a competetive total on a pitch that had livened up considera-

### **Britons** beset by frailties on the green

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN ATLANTA

touches to his preparation for the Masters, Miguel Angel Jiménez completed a workmanlike round of 71 to finish the BellSouth Classic with a total of 283, five under par. However, his secondbest round of the week con-tributed to a total that left. him far behind Stewart Cink, the tournament leader, who was 17 under par with

seven holes remaining.
John Huston and Rory Sabbatini of South Africa. were ned in second place at: l6 under, with the most dangerous man of all, David Duval, who is bidding for his fourth success of the season, a stroke further back.

Play was slow and languid on an afternoon of humidity and heavy cloud. It seemed as if all the players had one eye on the Masters at Augus ta. 90 miles to the East, the next event on the calender.

Ian Woosnam, who had complained of hurting his back towards the end of his round on Friday, started the day at four under par, but. then bogeyed two of his first three holes, and birdied the third, for the erratic start that seems to be par for the course for him these days.

Woosuam fell further away the longer the round wore on to finish with a 75, leaving him at one under par overall. He complains of being uncertain on the greens, sometimes switching to putting with his left hand be low his right. For him, the game seems to be a struggle and the visit to Augusta. where he triumphed in 1991, will provide only a further reminder that his play is a long

way from what it once was. For most of this year, the same could be said of Colin Montgomerie, whose form has flickered like a gunering. candle. Montgomerie believes that the purity and accuracy of his striking from tee to green is not being matched by his putting. Cer-

IN PUTTING the finishing 31 for the homeward nine was the best run he has had this year, but all it did was exaggerate how comparatively poorty he had putted on his outward nine and, in fact. how poorly he had putted for most of the year.

Montgomerie knows that he somehow needs to shave two or even three putts per round from his scores if he is to become a world force once again. Yesterday he had a 76 and said afterwards: "I lost interest, to be honest. Nothing was happening out there. This is the sixth week in succession I have putted badly. The Masters is just another tournament and I go there with no expectations.

Gabriel Hierstedt, who is looking increasingly like a Ryder Cup player, had a

Dayal the master.

the ball a long way, has a very good short game and scores a lot of birdies, which in a matchplay format is

very useful.

The question of his membership of the European Tour needs to be resolved, because, on the form that he has shown in the early months of this year, he would make a very useful member of the team.

Jiménez nearly brought his round to a spectacular conclusion. He had driven into the trees on the right of the 9th but played an excellent recovery shot and his bail just rolled down a bank

to the left of the green. A bunker then lay in his line and he had no more than 15ft of putting surface to work with, but he hit one of those magical shots that seems to shoot up almost vertically. The ball landed just over the bunker and coasted. to within a foot of the pin, so, that it was easy for him to



### Hollioake is handed unfavourable hint

ENGLAND completed a week-iong stay in Lahore by recording another comprehensive victory over Pakistan A to offer their broadest hint yet about their thinking for this summer's

Their 112-run victory followed their triumph on Saturday by eight wickets over the same opposition and rounded off a satisfactory stay in Pakistan bein Sharjah. However, the absence of Alec Stewart, the captain, from the field as a precaution, having injured his groin while contributing 73 to an imposing total of 29t for four, forced England into appointing a temporary captain during the Pakistan reply.

The obvious candidate might have been Adam Hollioake, of Surrey, the captain of the England one-day team fore they transfer to Dubai in prepara-less than a year ago, but the emer-Stewart: precautionary exit tion for the Coca-Cola Cup tournament gence of Andrew Flintoff, the Lanca-

shire all-rounder, as a competitor for his place instead prompted the selec-tors to hand the task to Neil Fairbrother. Flintoff's clubmate.

It was a clear message from David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, that Hollioake is far from assured a place in England's World Cup starting line-up and an indication of how cemented Fairbrother is in the selectors'

"We haven't been pressed by the from 94 deliveries.

World Cup authorities to name a vice-captain, although we had a meeting about it before this trip," Graveney, said. "Andrew Flintoff's emergence has caused competition for places at No 6 and No 7 and obviously it would be preferable to have a vice-captain

who is a regular in the side." Stewart's contribution with the bal formed part of a stand of 161 in 30 overs with Nick Knight, who made 92

#### SPORT IN BRIEF

#### Wolstenholme wins his third Putter

■ GOLF: Gary Wolstenholme, one of the last great career amateurs left in the modern game, won the Duncan Putter at Southerndown yesterday. Wolstenholme, 38, won his third Putter with a 54-hole total of 216, six over par, two ahead of Matthew King, the defending champion. The cornerstone of the veteran Walker Cup player's victory was his 67 in the second round, when he had five birdies in seven holes from the 8th. It gave him a two-stroke lead going in to the final round. in which he dropped three strokes in the first two holes, but then dug in to come home in 75.

#### Ireland hold on

RUGBY UNION: Ireland Schools held off a determined comeback to defeat their England counterparts at Musgrave Park, in Cork, Ireland were rewarded for their early resourceful play with a try to Conrad O'Sullivan and a penalty to Pat McCarthy. Charlie Hodgson, the England fly alf, reduced the lead with a penalty, but Ireland went into half-time leading 8-3. England dominated the second half, but solid defence restricted them to a single penalty goal.

#### Hingis reaches final

**TENNIS:** Martina Hingis, the world No I. was set to face Anna Kournikova, the 17-year-old Russian, in the final of the Family Circle Cup, in South Carolina, yesterday. Hingis overcame Jana Novotna, the Wimbledon champion, 6-2, 6-3 in her semi-final on Saturday to reach her fourth final of the year. In the second semi-final, Kournikova outlasted Patry Schnyder. the Swiss left-hander, 6-7, 6-0, 6-3, to reach the second final of

#### Belgian sprints in

Tour of Flanders, the second round of the 1999 World Cup series, for the TVM team in the suburbs of Brussels yesterday. Gordon McCauley, the New Zealand champion, has taken the overall lead in the Girvan three-day race, which ends today. He started the third stage of 72 miles in fourth place, but took over the yellow jersey by finishing 3sec behind Jon Tanner, the stage winner.

#### **Arsenal await Saints**

FOOTBALL: Arsenal, the FA Women's Cup-holders, will play Southampton Saints, who have reached the last stage for the first time, in this year's final, to be held at The Valley, Charlton Arhletic's ground on Monday, May 3. Arsenal, who also won the trophy in 1993 and 1995, beat Doneaster Belles, six-times winners of the competition, in yesterday's semi-final, which was played at Worksop Town FC.

#### Pakistan triumph

CRICKET: Azhar Mahmood, a medium-pace bowler, took five for 38 as Pakistan dismissed India for 168 to win the triangular fournament final in Lahore by 123 runs vesterday. After Pakistan had scored 291 for eight from their 50 overs. Inzaman-ul-Haq leading the way with a polished 91, the India innings was frequently interrupted by unruly supporters who hurled plastic water bottles on to the playing area.

### food for thought

THE prospect of a treble that would complete a near-perfect season for Sheffield Sharks began to look a trifle less certain yesterday when Greater London Leopards, their play-off oppo-nents, revealed impressive finishing

form in the London Arena. Deposed champions they may be. but the Leopards, watched by Chris Finch, the Sharks coach, realed off the first 12 points of overtime in taking them to a 98-88 victory over London Towers that completed the regular-sea-

son programme. The Sharks, who were cowned champions of the Budweiser League on Friday, after their tumultuous victory over Manchester Giants, will meet the Leopards, the eighth-placed club, in a quarter-final series beginning at Brentwood next Sunday.

Behind from early in the second quarter, the Leopards did not regain the lead until Rashod Johnson connected 89sec from time. Malcolm Leak replied with two free throws, but the Towers did not score again until Sisce of overtime remained. By then, the game was all over, effectively won for the Leopards by Johnson's 26 points and 21 by Robert Youngblood.

BASKETBALL

By Nicholas Harling

For the third year running, the Towers will face Newcastle Eagles in their quarter-final. Only by scoring 19 unanswered points in the third quarter did the Eagles avoid a humiliating defeat at the bottom club, Worthing Bears,

who eventually succumbed 100-88.
Thames Valley Tigers secured third place by overcoming Chester Jers 112-100, with the help of 27 points from John McCord, and ensured a quarter-final with Derby Storm, who subjected them to an embarrassing 2-0 reverse in

1994 after they had become champions. The embarrassment belonged to Derby, however, on Saturday, when they were beaten 87-85 at home by Leicester Riders, who had finished one from bottom. Bob Donewald, the Derby coach, incurred yet another technical offence

for abusing the officials.
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#### Hungry Sharks given | Chinn brushes aside defence and dispute

NICKY CHINN shrugged off the controversy as easily as he did Manchester Storm's defence as he scored the hat-trick that led Cardiff Devils to a 5-0 win in the semi-final of the Sekon-

da play-off championship. The Cardiff-born forward was accused of fouling Kris Miller before scoring the first, crucial goal of the victory that put them into the final last night against Nottingham Panthers. Chinn's challenge left the American

spreadcasted on the ice and gave him the vital space in front of goal to slip a pass from Merv Priest beyond the unprotected Frankie Pietrengelo. Graham Horner, the referee, was be-sieged by Storm players, led by Miller and Dave Morrison, the captain, but he had seen nothing wrong and said that his linesmen had reported only a collision between the two men.

Kurt Kleinendorst, the Storm coach, said: 'This was the turning point. Instead of a goal to Cardiff, it should have been a penalty and a power play to us. We never recovered from that moment."

Storm dearly had a case, but Chinn refused to accept any guilt. "There was no cross-check. It was a shoulder.

By Martin Leach .

Sometimes you are going to knock them down and sometimes they knock you down," he said. The incident appeared to unsettle

even the usually unflappable Pietrengelo. The netminder, who had conceded an average of less than one goal in the 28 previous games, had two more goals put past him by Chian-and Priest in the next Hisee. Chian completed his hat-trick and Mario Simioni scored the lifth.

There was a similar flurry of goals in the second period of Nottingham's 4-2 win in the other semi-final, against Bracknell The Bees, appearing in the first big playoff semi-final in their 12-year history, scored first through Rob Stewart, their captain, after 28 minutes but Nottingham then scored three times in four minutes, through Jason Weaver (2) and Greg Hadden. Mike Bishop added the fourth and the Bees could reply only once, through Joe Ferraccioli.

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**EQUESTRIANISM** 

#### **Phillipps** takes command

By JENNY MACARTHUR

POLLY PHILLIPPS and Coral Cove, whose case for a technical breach of medication control at the world three-day event championships last October will come before the International Equestrian Federation later this month, betrayed no hint of the threat hanging over them when they won comfortably their section of the in-augural Rolleston Horse Tri-als in Leicestershire yesterday.

Phillipps, a veterinary surgeon from nearby Rempstone - who said that she is confident that she will be cleared of the charge - had the satisfaction of relegating Blyth Tait, of New Zealand, the world and Olympic champion, to second place, on Aspyring. Tait also finished third, on Toad Hall, a ten-year-old on which he had the fastest cross-country time in the section.

However, on a disappoint-ing day for the organisers of this new event, many of the other Badminton-bound riders, including Mark Todd, Ian Stark and Christina Gifford, withdrew their horses before the cross country because of the sticky, holding ground, Gifford, who took The Gangster round slowly but withdrew her other three rides, said "It's a lovely course, but it's big and so you are taking a lot of chances when the ground is this

deep."
Phillipps, whose seventh place at the world championships helped Great Britain to win the bronze medal, had no such reservations, "It's just like the ground I train on," she said. "I just kept the hand-brake on," Although clear both in the cross country and showjumping, it was the dres-sage, for which she had a mark of 30, that she was most pleased. The best dressage came from Pippa Funnell, on Rainbow Magic, the winner of the second section, who had a score of 22. Funnell also finished fourth, on Supreme Rock, her Badminton entry, in the same section.

Results, page 41

#### Dancer praises side's discipline ENGLAND qualified to meet By Sydney Friskin and Cathy Harris los Borispol, of Ukraine, on Saturday did not bode well and despite two superb goals Argentina A in the final of the quadrangular tournament in champions cruised to a comagainst a closely packed

HOCKEY: ENGLAND QUALIFY FOR FINAL WHILE SLOUGH'S EUROPEAN HOPES DISAPPEAR

Buenos Aires after a 3-0 victory on Saturday over Argentina B, who will play-off with South Africa for third place. Calum Giles, who has had a successful tournament, had a hand in all three goals. After opening the scoring from a short corner in the eighteenth minute, he was up-ended two minutes later by the Argentina goalkeeper, who conceded a penalty stroke that was struck by Garcia. Sharpe scored the third goal from a short corner in the 48th minute, but it was Giles who set up the chance with a timely back-pass. This was a strong.

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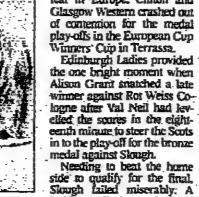
defence." A hat-trick by Vanina Oneto the Argentina and Den Bosch striker crushed Slough's hopes of appearing in their third final in four years when the Dutch league



Giles: created chances

fortable 8-3 victory in the women's European club champion-

ship at a Herrogenbosch in Holland, yesterday, Indeed, it was a bleak day for British clubs in European competi-tion, for while Slough were suffering their heaviest ever defeat in Europe. Clifton and



lacklustre display against Ko-

by Jane Smith and Mandy Nicholls in the 2-0 win, the English champions knew that they had to turn in a much improved performance. Oneto struck twice in the opening 23 minutes as the

hosts raced to a 3-0 lead. giving Slough a huge task. Smith pulled one back with a 24thminute penalty corner, but three goals in a six-minute spell before the break gave the Dutch an unassailable 6-1 lead at half-time. Karen Brown and Sarah

Kelleher. Slough's two experienced internationals, found it difficult to escape the right marking by their opponents, who turned up the pressure af-ter the restart. Smith reduced the deficit to 7-2 and after Oneto completed her hat-trick and-Kelleher was on target with a last-minute penalty corner.

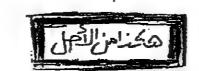
**SPEEDWAY** 

#### Rickardsson takes on dual role

world champion from Sweden will miss this afternoon's meeting at Covernry for King's Lyan because he will be tepresenting his Poland side — and his national Government - in Gdansk (Tony

record transfer, has been appointed a special ambassador by the Swedish Government for a trade event in the Polish city. The Gdansk side also have a match at home to Graduadz in the first division of the Polish League and Rickardsson will double up as national representative and rider for Gdansk.

King's Lynn have been given permission to draft in a guest rider - Martin Dugard.



SNOOKER

**McManus** 

hopes

to avoid

another

whiteout

BY PHIL YATES

BEARING in mind the unex-

pected fate of Stephen Hendry

in the first round at the Crucible Theatre last year, Alan

McManus is entitled to view his forthcoming match against

Jimmy White at the Embassy world championship with a

the game's leading event, con-

ducted on Grandstand on

BBC television on Saturday,

produced a number of intrigu-

ing encounters, none more so than White, who beat Hendry

10-4 at the corresponding

stage 12 months ago, pitted

had an easier draw, but there's no way you'll hear me complaining," McManus, who yesterday defeated Alfie Burden 5-3 to reach the second round of the British Open in Plymouth, said. "Playing Jimmy at Sheffield couldn't be

much higher profile and it's something you have to relish. It's just a buzz being there, no

matter who you play."
Hendry, second-favourite
with the bookmakers to lift the

trophy for the seventh time

since 1990, also has a tough

introduction. He plays Paul

Hunter, winner of the Weish Open last year, while John

Higgins launches his title de-

In a contest guaranteed to

fence against Gerard Greene.

create enormous interest in

"It's obvious I could have

against McManus.

degree of trepidation. The draw for the last 32 of

### Rob Hughes watches the revival of Britain's Davis Cup hopes in Birmingham

### Henman provides positive thinking

AT LAST, when the pressure is at its greatest and the tension feeds into the mind, an English sportsman grows. The performance of Tim Henman in Birmingham yesterday, in a febrile, partisan atmosphere that would have fronen the minds of many of our m tennis players, survived his in third marathon encounter in three days and outlasted Todd Martin, of the United States, who mitially looked to have the greater range and greater "Ill a guipment for the contest. Henman won 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 and it was marvellous, uplift-

hat ing sport.

Around a television set 150 Tire miles away in a Surrey nursing home, Bunny Austin, a surdula wiver indeed, in that he was a nember of a last British team to beat the United States in Davis Cup in 1939, marvelled at the levels of stamina and the fund combat of the modern game. "I'm watching every ball," Austin, 92, said. "It's absolutely beautiful the way they [Hen-

> man and Greg Rusedskil played the doubles, and then he way Tim came back yester-

> Beautiful to behold, indeed, Those of us in the arena witnessed another 3hr 13min of man running eventually on neat adrenalin, on the edge of perve and sinew; and man refusing to yield when there was excuse enough for him to do

More than that, when fatigue slowed both Henman and Martin, their game actually appeared to flower with more strokes, more thought, more pureness of quality and design. Is this what is needed to turn the modern game from its bludgeoning force and pace ino "thinking" tennis?

There was enormous drama, too, and Henman was first to admit that the match armed on a "questionable" line-call against Martin. It came at the apex of the contest, when a backhand voiley that would have helped Martin to go 4-3 up in the crucial third set was ruled out when, clearly, it was on the line. Henman took full advantage, closed out the set 6-3 and, in the dogged tennis that followed, he sel-

dom looked like a loser. There are times when you This, at a crucial situation in the Davis Cup, was not one of them. There are two of you playing - yourself and your and you take what comes. If we played great tennis and lost, it would be a wast-

There is the clarion sound of



Henman, a study in concentration, stretches to hit a backhand against Martin in their monumental Davis Cup encounter yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

the modern man, the modern sport in the era when most sports are business and the percentages count. Yet Martin, upon hearing Henman's admission, said that he would not, in the Davis Cup, expect his opponent to try to overrule.

They were agreed on that and also agreed that Martin. uncharacteristically for this quiet American, allowed the situation, the atmosphere as well as the momentary injustice, to sway his concentration. been the British who succumb to such distractions, when the tough-minded Americans go

Absolutely significant to this turning point was the calculated riposte of the British to Friday's display of team force by the Americans. Henman and

David Lloyd, the captain, appreciated that the British bench, in comparison to the Americans, lacked both numbers and animation.

They righted this and, in the strange hybrid of the Birmingham crowd, the effect of a line of tracksuited "cheerleaders" for the Brits had its effect. Only a section of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) blazered officials were disapproving as sections of the crowd, dressed for football, took every opportunithat was going.

The organisers had played their part, handing out 500 free tickets to children who came with their faces painted in the colours of the Union Jack and who gave swimming gala-like shricks throughout the afternoon and evening.

Martin should not have been distracted, for, at 28, he is a veteran of Davis Cups and, by Henman's own admission, in the first hour of the match it was the American, using guile and stealth, who called the tune. "I found it difficult to work him out and this was my toughest weekend in tennis," Henman said, "but

this time I was prepared for

the intensity. I feel I played a

great match." Monumental in its quality age, it suggested that we may not be foolish to hope that Henman might grow into a modern Fred Perry. By using mind when the body was forced to slow, he overhauled a fine opponent in Martin. Bunny Austin would have recognised it as an English trait of old.

### Doubles turns the tide

By ALIX RAMSAY, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

NEVER has a game of doubles meant so much to so many people. Normally, the doubles is a gentle afterthought to the main event, but on Saturday afternioon Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski played for 31/2 hours as if their lives depended upon it. They had to if Great Britain was to have any chance of salvaging this tie against the Unit-

DOWN termination from Henman, as he dragged Rusedski into the match from a set down to beat Todd Martin and Alex O'Brien 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. Never has he looked so pumped-up for an encounter; every winning point was met with clenched fists and a glare as he gave his partner a few terse instructions and got back to work.

Rusedski had been the weak link in the chain for the first set and a half until, following his leader, he started to nail his returns and crank up the power on the service. With Henman steering operations, the two singles players became a team that, given their vastly differing natures and their history of off-court disagreements, was no small achievement.

From looking desperate and disappointed on Friday night, after his loss to Jim Courier, Henhave a fighting chance. "The doubles is what it hinges on," Henman said. "Suddenly from 2-0

it's 2-I and all the pressure is on their shoulders." David Lloyd, the Great Britain captain, was beside himself as he stood and watched. "If we win the doubles, we can win the whole thing," he had predicted, although not even he would predict what might happen if Britain booked a place in the quarter-finals.

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the Far East, Marco Fu. of Hong Kong, will meet James Wattana, of Thailand. Wattana, a world championship to bolster his fragile confidence when he was surprisingly eliminated from the British Open yesterday. Wattana, the world No 15.

(England unless stated)

recovered from 4-2 down to 4-4 against Michael Holt, the world No 193 from Nottingham. He also had the initial scoring opportunity in the deciding frame, but overcut a tricky black off its spot and Holt stepped in with a break of

75 to win 5-4.
"Although James has been struggling lately, he's got a lot of experience at the Crucible and he always seems to do well there," Fu said. While experience is indeed invaluable. form is also relevant and, in that regard. Fu has the edge.

Stephen Lee, the No 9 seed, was forced to withdraw from the British Open after injuring a muscle between his neck and shoulder in a bizarre accident at his home in Trowbridge last week. Lee, beaten 9-8 by Hendry in the final of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters three days earlier, jolted out of bed to answer his telephone when the injury occurred. As a result, Drew Henry received a

Mark Williams, the 1997 British Open champion, who has already won three worldranking tournaments this season, began his challenge for a fourth by highlighting a solid 5-2 victory over Joe Perry with a break of III.

### Foster laps up short course to glory



Hickman celebrates his silver in the 200 metres medley

THE medals came thick and fast for Great Britain on the last night of the world shortcourse championships here, Mark Foster's victory in the 50 metres butterfly holstering James Hickman's retention of the 200 metres butterfly title on Saturday and helping to buoy the national tally to four gold, five silver and four

bronze medals.

Britain's successes left them third among the medals behind Australia and Japan. with silver medals for Graeme Smith in the 1,500 metres freestyle, Helen Don-Duncan in the 200 metres backstroke and James Hickman in the 200 metres medley, while Hickman also helped the 4 x 100 metres medley quartet to the bronze medal behind a world record-breaking Australia squad. The women's medley relay event also proholding Japanese quartet in swimming history.

For Britain, the past four

days produced by far the finest result in the short history of world short-course event, staged four times since 1993, and exceeded the achievements of the squad's counterparts from track and field at the recent world indoor athletics championships.

That particular statistic will enable Foster - whose victory yesterday in a championship record of 23.61sec was, like Hickman's the day before, just about as emphatic as they come — to engage in a little friendly gloating when he meets up with Colin Jackson, the world champion at 60 metres hurdles, back at base at the University of Bath.

The banter will doubtlessly involve a certain amount of self-congratulations for both men as Foster reports back

From Craig Lord in Hong Kong

that, having taken a leaf from the book of athletics, victory is now literally his from the Ronny Berndt, a researcher

for the Olympic testing centre in Hamburg, where Foster's training programmes are prepared by Dirk Lange, a Ger-man coach, timed Foster at an "exceptional" 2.18sec for the first 7.5 metres of his race. making him the fastest swimmer off the starting blocks in the world. The time translates to a gain over his rivals of about 30 centimetres at the point Foster emerged into his stroke; his winning margin of 0.26sec over Zhang Qiang, of China, almost totally estab-

lished from the dive and never conceded. Hickman, too, stole a

march on rivals from the start of the 200 metres butterfly on Saturday, but it was not until the halfway mark that his supremacy in a field brimming with Olympic champions. world champions and former world record-holders shone through. Victory was his after 150 metres, but Hickman did not relent, claiming the title 2sec clear in Imin 52.71.

Last night, his specialist but-terfly events out of the way, Hickman said that he was just having fun in the 200 metres medley. It nearly resulted in another title as he raced inside world record pace over the butterfly and backstroke legs of the race before Matthew Dunn, of Australia, looking to retain the title, passed him on the breaststroke. Dunn held on over the free-

style leg to win in Imin 55.81sec. a championship record, with Hickman hust a stroke and a half, or 0.71sec,

> Graeme Smith, his former training partner at Stockport, achieved his aim of re-estab lishing himself on the world scene after a low point in his career. The 1996 Olympic silver medal-winner added another second place to his collection, swimming behind Grant Hackett, of Australia. the world record-holder.

Don-Duncan, 17, and former European junior champion, set things rolling for Britain last night with a silver in the 200 metres backstroke behind Mai Nakamura, of Japan, who swam inside world record pace until thjere were 50 metres to go, finishing 0.40sec off target.

17 year old high jumper given clearance for take off.



The British Airways Olympic Futures Programme of multi-sport training camps in London and Orlando is helping 175 young British athletes achieve their Olympic dreams.



### Fowler crosses the line from rascal to rogue

By Kevin McCarra

IF ONLY Robbie Fowler had kept his nose to the grindstone, instead of sticking it where it did not belong. Ouick-witted industry and a pair of goals steered Liverpool to a 3-2 win at Anfield on Saturday, their first victory over Everton for five years, but the man with an acute sense of direction when aiming a shot at goal lost his bearings while celebrating his equaliser that levelled the score at 1-1.

Twice, he got down on his knees to run his nose along the white markings of the penalty area. The visiting supporters, at whom he had also gesticulated, assumed that he was pretending to snort a line of cocaine. In the past, Everton fans have taunted Fowler with cries of "smackhead", a reference to the utterly unsubstantiated allegations than Fowler is a drug-user.

Having received a com plaint from a member of the public. Merseyside police will be investigating the affair. There could also be disciplinary proceedings by the Foot-ball Association David Elleray, the referee, told Gérard Houllier, the Liverpool manager, that the issue will not be mentioned in his report. Since he was running back to the halfway line after the goal, the referee's view was limited, but the FA will consult the police and review video evidence before deciding, probably tomorrow, whether further action is

required. Fowler is due to attend a hearing on Friday where he and Graeme Le Saux, of Chelsea, will answer charges of misconduct arising from incidents in a match between the clubs in February. His deeds at Antield at the weekend will not be added to the agenda for

Given the present trend, the Fowler files will soon require their own wing at Lancaster

When the moment to discuss the latest matter does eventually arrive, it will be difficult to whitewash the whiteline contretemps. Fowler has been disowned by the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), "The PFA are spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on drug awareness campaigns and here is a player scoring a goal and taking the mickey out of it," Gordon

#### FOWLER'S HOWLERS

Sentente: 1995: Attentation with Neil Ruddock, his Liverpool team-mate, on a fright back from Russia left him after wearing a T-shirt supporting striking Liverpool dockers during a European

Graeme Le Saux, of Cheisea. at Stamford Bridge after Fowle March 1999; Fowler and Le Saux both charged with misconduct by the FA. April 3, 1999; Goal celebrations against Everton cause more controversy.

Taylor, the chief executive of the body, said.

Houllier did appear to be en-tirely sincere when proclaiming Fowler's innocence. According to his account. Rigobert Song, the defender, has brought to Anfield a routine learned at Metz, the French club, in which players mark a goal by pretending to graze. It is argued that Fowler, as an innovator, was introducing this piece of harmless fun to English grass. Photographs, however, tend to undermine the explanation. If Fowler was mereimpersonating a sheep, why did he have one hand pressed against his left nostril?

Although there might be a few people who will restrict their criticisms by calling Fowler's frolic ill-considered, there is no doubt of the provocative effect that the actions had, as the forward himself acknowledged when he publicly apolo-gised yesterday. "Despite my actions being taken in the heat of the moment immediately following the penalty, I realise that they have caused great offence and I deeply regret that," he said.

Fowler was probably inspired by mischief rather than malice. If an allusion to substance abuse was intended, there was a certain doltish ingenuity in the employment of an innocent strip of paint on the turf as his prop. Unfortunately, a derby match on an April afternoon is not the place for a joke that might suit a satirical review on television after the nine o'clock watershed.

Given that he was an Everton fan as a child, the forward is unlikely to nurse any deep hatred of the Goodison club. Gifted forwards, though, often possess a strong anarchic streak. To score a goal is to unravel the other team's plans, to put one over on defenders. Peoole recognise the delightful lawlessness of it whenever they talk about a player "nick-ing" a goal. The trait is inherently unstable. As the controversy on Saturday proves. there is always a danger that the loveable rascal will go too far and turn into a rogue.

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Fowler celebrates his first goal in his side's 3-2 victory against Everton with a gesture that could see the striker facing further disciplinary problems

### Everton left with nothing but concern

FOR Everton supporters, the stab of indignation that they may have felt over Robbie Fowler's capering will count for less than the long ache of apprehension. Relegation is not always the consequence of ruinous performances. Despair can creep out from bad timing, marginal failures and a flow of events that smacks into a team with the force of a water cannon.

Everton might have had a point on Saturday. Danny Cadamarteri could have equalised twice in the closing stages, appearing to be pulled back by Steve Staunton on the first occasion. A little later, the Everton forward found his



shot being cleared from the line by Paul Gerrard, the Liverpool substitute.

by Kevin McCarra

If the more distinguished team deserves victory. howev-

ет, then the Antield side were

rightful winners. Despite conceding a goal after 40sec. when a 25-yard shot by Olivier Dacourt was deflected into the net by Rigobert Song. their defender. Liverpool settled to rhythmic attacking.

The sheer purposefulness was heartening to those supporters who accuse the side of feckless diffidence. There was spring and ruggedness from Song, while in midfield, the contribution of Paul Ince was a matter of substance rather than of melodramatic gesture. As it happens, it was a foray

by Ince that pulled Liverpool level as he burst past the turning Marco Materazzi and was

the penalty into the corner of the net. The forward established a lead in the 25th minute by heading home after McManaman had flicked on a corner from Patrik Berger. The Czech in-

ing Dacourt's clearance to put a bouncing shot into the net. Unsophisticated though Everton are, they were never wholly without hope. Even in the first half, when they flailed and failed to cope with Fowler's clever use of space behind the attack, there was occasional menace, as when Materazzi struck a free kick against the post. With five

creased the advantage seven minutes from the end, meet-

minutes remaining. Francis Jeffers, a substitute, whirled to whip a header from Campbell into the top corner.

The revival fell only just short of completion. Ambitions were none the less intensified. Liverpool aim for the Uefa Cup by seeking a high place in the FA Carling Premiership. Everton will be delighted if they can just remain in it for another year.

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### Tottenham lose as Leicester play mind games

AS SOON as they knew that a spinning wheel would ruin the new-found joy of parenthood. Sleeping Beauty's mum and dad ordered that all wheels and spindles be destroyed. George Graham did not exactly burn the Worthington Cup. but he banned it from the pitch. "I was totally against that." he said. The Tottenham manager knew full well that if the team wallowed in their Wernbley victory over Leicester, his proud home record since taking over at White Hart Lane would be blemished. But just as the wicked oneen

all too easily placed a spinning wheel in front of the princess, Martin O'Neill gave Tonen-ham the cup celebration their manager wanted to avoid. So, as the Tottenham team filed out on to the pitch, the visitors formed a guard of honour and applauded them. With their egos massaged. Spurs met their inevitable fate. This match was all about psy-

chology. Having succumbed to a last-minute goal by Allan Nielsen in a match that would have carned them a place in Europe, Leicester felt aggrieved. Tottenham, on course for a cup double, must have felt superior. The supporters, delighted to have an immediate opportunity to goad each other so soon after their big day out, tried to influence proceedings, too, and Robbie Savage was booed throughout.

Savage was considered to have over-reacted when slapped by Justin Edinburgh during the final. The Tottenham defender was sent off and even O'Neill admitted that the player may have gilded his lily somewhat. So the boos were in-

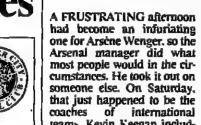


evitable and O'Neill considered dropping Savage, but then decided it would be wrong to do so for reasons other than his own performance. It was a wise decision and Savage and Neil Lennon bossed the mid-

the fitness of Emile Heskey made all the difference. He struggled at Wembley with a painful back, but since then has been through a rigorous rehabilitation and on Saturday was close to his best. He is a rare breed, a forward that can make Sol Campbell appear to be delicate, and it was the England delender who he brushed aside to set up Tony Cottee for Leicester's second goal, Man Ellion having given them the lead just before the interval.

Cottee thrives on such service, any service in fact, and this was his 200th league goal. His celebrations were modest. simple and an example to Mersey boys everywhere.

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Referee: N Barry



coaches of international teams. Kevin Keegan included, who will select his players for matches later this month that have no bearing on qualification for the European championship finals. Wenger had already fired

by Alyson Rudd the first shot in what seems O'Neill had no doubt that engaged.

> ing in neighbouring Serbia hamstrings and groins.

all clubs. England in front of 75,000 people. You cannot convince me that is an interesting game."

A FRUSTRATING afternoon tempting to charge national had become an infuriating associations for the hire of

certain to become an intense battle by refusing to allow Kanu to play for Nigeria against Senegal and if he follows through with a threat to block England players from travelling to Hungary, the heavy antillery will really be Wenger's concern is nothing to do with the bombs fall-

but the possible damage to "These club versus country disputes are not new problems," he said, "but they are worse because of the financial situation and because the clubs are much bigger than 20 years ago. It is more difficult

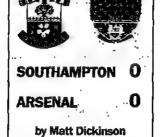
now with the wages you pay to tell your players to go off for a friendly. I don't speak especially of Arsenal, I speak of "Eighty per cent of linternational games are uninteresting. You can't sell France against Armenia to 80,000 people and tell them it is interesting or Luxembourg against

Wenger's argument, which

could soon result in clubs at-

their star performers, will stand or fall on the patriotism of the players. Would Mark Hughes, for instance, put up with being told by his club that he can no longer play for

After almost 70 caps, the old warhorse appears to have given up hope of representing his country at a big tournament. but he is being a trifle premature. The Rugby World Cup comes to Great Britain this year, after all, and Wales could probably do with another muscular prop forward. By the end of this goalless tussie. Hughes had disturbed Tony Adams's serenity, dumped Patrick Vieira on the floor and



gone 12 rounds with Martin Keown that could probably have done good business on pay-per-view. Sparky is as spikey as ever.

The shame is that such a magnificent player should, increasingly, have little else to of-



Mark Hughes, as combative if not as productive as of old. hurdles Vieira's tackle in the stalemate at The Dell

TODAY'S 'LIVE' FOOTBALL ACTION

### Wenger raises the stakes in hassle over internationals

fer. His statistics for this season read: games: 29; bookings: 15; goals: 0. It was difficult to know which was more predictable - the yellow card for a late lunge at Vieira or the squandering of Southampton's best chance of the after-

noon.

Had Hughes scored instead of hitting the post after seven minutes, one suspects that Arsenal would never have recovered, because Southampton, taking their cue from Hughes, were in belligerent mood.

We wanted to ruffle a few feathers," David Jones, the manager, admitted, "There was nothing dirty about what we did. It was just a good, pro-

Predictably, Wenger saw things slightly differently. They put the ball up in the air and fought for it." he said, more with disdain than admiration. Either way, the pattern of play was not to the liking of Nicolas Anelka or Kanu, in particular, whose spells at Ajax and Internazionale cannot have prepared him for a scrap down at The Dell.

With Dennis Bergkamp absent struck down by a virus, it was only the Nigerian's second start for Arsenal and this was not the sort of game for gentle acclimatisation. "Welcome to England."

Wenger said of his loping forward, who was buffeted to the periphery of the exchanges by the excellent Ken Monkou. Kanu missed Arsenal's best

opportunity in the 69th minute, when he shot straight at Francis Benali on the goalline, and he is likely to return to his substitute's role tomorrow when Blackburn Rovers visit Highbury.

Bergkamp should have recovered in time and his stronger physique will be needed in another match that will not be for the squeamish. Arsenal will hope also that

Marc Overmars has recovered from his blistered feet, because Kaba Diawara, who made his full debut, is still very raw. This was two points dropped," Wenger admitted, but for Southampton, it was definitely one gained. SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2) N Moss — S HI-ley, K Monkou, C Lundekram, P Colleter — S Ripkey (sub: F Benati 65mm) J Dodd D Hughes, W Badga — M Hughes, E Ostons 13d (sub: J Beatle, 54) ARISENAL (14-2) D Seaman — L Doon, 1 Adams, M Keown (sub. S Bould, 66), N We-terburn — F Lungberg (sub. L Boa Morto 65) R Parlour P Viera, K Diawera (sub. N Vi-

ras, 77) — Kanu, N Anelika

### Vialli cautious as Chelsea impose class

GIANLUCA VIALLI, the Chelsea player-manager, strode into the press room at The Vallev and sat at the table. Wearing a grey. V-necked sweater, with the top button of his shirt undone and his tie in a large knot he looked like a shy schoolboy about to be scolded. Only the bald pate and goatee beard gave it away.

Vialli spoke in his usual, quiet studious manner, almost veering towards the apologetic in tone and giving away little in his fractured English. Victory against Charlton Athletic might have closed the gap at the top of the FA Carling Premiership, with Manchester United and Arsenal having been held to draws and Chelsea holding a game in hand, but it would be premature and uncouth to gloat.

"So, you're back in the hunt for the title?" a bold soul ventured. "No, I still don't think so," Vialli replied, "We are still in third place and there are two great teams in front. They

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have more experience and they won't throw away the chance of winning the title." He denied that he was indulging in the pyschological banter so well practised by Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger, his counterparts at United and Arsenal, and only when pressed would he concede the merest glimpse of the championship crown. "If we win our game in hand," he said. "If. if — but it is difficult."

It is difficult to imagine a greater contrast between manager and chairman -- Vialli, a humble man from a privileged background, and Ken Bates, the chairman, a grizzly bear with a permanently sore head. Earlier in the week, while paying tribute to Charlton's valiant struggle against relega-tion, Bates stated bluntly: "At the end of the day, class should tell - and we've got

more class than them." Truth often hurts and class did tell, with Charlton's Premiership adventure perhaps drawing to a painful conclusion. They outpointed Chelsea in many areas. mainly through physical endeavour, several chances through patient and precise ap-



CHARLTON ATHLETIC

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CHELSEA by Russell Kempson

proach play and scrapped and

fought until their fingernails were raw. None of it, though, could bridge the gulf. Chelsea ran when they needed to, challenged when they smelt danger and strolled when the heat was off. Desailly, on his return

from European championship duty with France, performed with a swagger that encapsulated everything that Charlton lacked. His presence was immense, his play immaculate. The goal, in the eleventh minute, illustrated the chasm. Ilic, the Charlton goalkeeper. called to catch Ferrer's cross. Tiler, his team-mate, did not trust him and tried to head clear and Di Matteo drove in

Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, said, "and we've done that all too often this sea-Ilic, a Serb, had defied a call from the Yugoslav FA to boycott domestic matches while the Balkan conflict remains unresolved. He said his piece in a dignified manner in the match programme - not for him the tub-thumping, banner-waving protest of Sasa Curcic, the Crystal Palace midfield play-

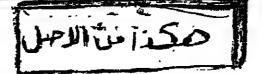
the loose ball, albeit with a

mis-hit. "It was a howler."

er, the previous weekend and played well, making good saves from Flo and Wise. He also wore a black armband. "He felt he had to do something." Curbishley said. "Some of his friends and family are in Belgrade. He was a upset at first, but he was he got caught up in the situa-

tion for the goal." CHARLTON ATHLETIC (3-4-3), S & - R Rufus, S Brown, C Tiler — D Miles (sub-) Barnes, S Armin, M. Narosa, G Staef, C Pro-e8 (sub: S Jones, 81) — J Robinson, C Mendonos (sub: A Almin, 77), M Pringle CHELSEA (4-4-2) E de Goay (sub: K Hindhook, 46) — A Feiner, M Deseilly, F Laboua, G Le Suity, B Robertson, 1 M North (sub-) R Cock (46) — R Co G Le Saux — B Goldback, J Morrs (\$40 Power, 69), D Wice R Di Matter (sub M.C.





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#### O'Leary's charges revive era of Revie



NOTTINGHAM FOREST

by George Caulkin

IT IS a touch ironic that David O'Leary should profess such a cursory interest in the powers of psychology, for here is a foot-hall manager mired in the depths of denial. The men in white coats would doubtless have a field day with such a fascinating patient; the men in white shirts already do.

Can Leeds United qualify for a place in the European Cup? "Manchester United. Chelsea and Arsenal are entitled to be in the top three." Is O'Leary not making a subtle attempt to deflect the pressure onto his nearest rivals. "I'm not an intelligent man like Arsene Wenger. I'm not into all the rubbish." Well, no, of course not. Perish the thought.

O'Leary, the analysts might say, inhabits a world of bliss-ful fantasy. His youthful side have won their past seven FA Carling Premiership matches equalling a post-war record set by Don Revie's definitive United team 26 years ago — and, with each, his claims that fundamental restructuring is required ring more hollow.

He means it, of course, yet his players keep feinting and flicking their way beyond the opposition, breathing down the neck of Cheisea, in third place, — now just two points distant, although with a game in hand - and generally making his life a misery. At this rate, how will he convince his directors to loosen the pursestrings this summer?

The answer may not be too long in coming, given that Leeds's seven-game run-in includes matches against the trio immediately above them. Even if the championship is not a realistic option, Leeds are duty-bound to play a vital role in the final outcome.

In the meantime, they continue to play hard, finding the necessary gear to cruise past day but expending little obvi-ous effort. Ron Atkinson, the Forest manager, maintained his innocence in the shadow of the gallows — "for long peri-ods, we were the better team" - but Leeds roused them-

selves when they had to. An otherwise ordinary firsthalf was illuminated by Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink's seventeenth goal of the season, stepping beyond Johnson and Chettle before striking home powerfully from the fringes of the penalty area, and although Forest equalised in the 53rd minute — Alan Rogers directing a volley beyond Martyn —

they remained brittle. United regained the lead quickly, a foul by Gough enabling Ian Harte to score with a firm free kick, while, in the 83rd minute, the excellent Alan Smith hooked a corner by Harte, headed back to him by Woodgate, into the net. There was time aplenty for Carlton Palmer to receive his annual red card at Elland Road for two raking tackles on Bowyer.

"A lovely sniffer's goal," O'Leary called Smith's eighth in II first-team starts, which. considering the events on Merseyside, was perhaps not the most sympathetic term. If, as a topic of conversation, the subject did not infuriate him so, it would have been tempting to describe it as a Freudian slip. Psychologically speaking.

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MOTTINGHAM FOREST (3-5-2) M Crosstey — C Edwards, R Gough, S Chettle — T
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#### FA Carling Premiership: United captain underlines his value



Beckham, partly obscured by Cole, forces home Manchester United's equaliser with Sullivan, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, for once powerless to intervene. Photograph: Tom Hevezi

BLIGHTED by financial ruin contaminated by the stench of decaying dreams, Selhurst Park made a poignantly incongruous setting for Manchester United's final outing before their most important game for 30 years.

As Juventus succurabed 1-0 in the similarly humble sur-roundings of Empoli, Serie A's bottom club, United prepared for the visit of the Italian champions to Old Traf-ford on Wednesday night with this cloyingly unsatisfactory draw in the depths of South London.

Juventus, slipping towards mid-table, have nothing left to play for in their domestic league. United, though, were stuck in a no man's land be-tween fending off their title challengers and saving themselves for the first leg of the European Cup semi-final.

It showed. For the opening 20 minutes, they were almost catatonic Gary Neville's headed back-pass was intercepted by Jason Euell and expertly converted in the fifth minute and Wimbledon should. have gone further ahead.

### Keane's determination dispels early lethargy

WIMBLEDON

MANCHESTER

by Oliver Holt

UNITED

Hartson, Denis Irwin played a pass across the back four that went to Marcus Gayle, who should have taken advantage, and Schmeichel had to be at his sharpest to stop Eueil after Hartson had wrestled Ronny Johnsen aside.

Then, United snapped out of it. For the rest of the game, they worked like dervishes. At times, the siege of the Wimbledon goal was almost comical, a pinball game of madly rebounding shots and blocks and a sprinkling of wonderful saves from Neil Sullivan.

United's only reward was the equaliser that they scored on the stroke of half-time. Irwin, who had suffered his share of embarrassment at the hands of Gayle, nutmegged clearance straight at John a cross that Dean Blackwell only United player who rose goal that has driven them on he got last season, he has reas-

thigh. When dropped, David Beckham was first to it, volleying into

the corner of the net. When the flnal whistle blew, the Unit-

stared at the floor, kicked sods out of the pitch and generally looked glum. They have not lost for 20 games now, but although Arsenal did not get any nearer to them, Chelsea have re-emerged as significant challengers.

Their captain was superb, a model of unstinting indusgression, urging his team-

tirelessly, so furiously, that Football Correspondent it could have pean Cup final itself that he was playing in. It was in his duel with Robbie Earle and Ja-

son Euell, who were both outstanding for the home side, that provided the most uplifting part of the afternoon.

As United prepare to try to

chances. "He is the best midfield player in the country, without any doubt." Earle said. "He has got the edge on Patrick Vicira because you can't rattle him, you can't wind him up like you can with

Vieira. Maybe a couple of years ago, but not any more. The responsibility of being captain has helped him mature as a person and a player. He doesn't question himself like I think he used to when Paul Ince was at Old Trafford. ince used to call himself 'the guv'nor and I don't think Keane liked that because that is how he saw himself. Now he is, without any question.

sessed himself, like you have to. He sits and holds in front of the defence, dictating the play. He is without question their

most influential player.
"At one point, he even apologised to me after coming in a bit late. That took me by surprise. Two years ago, I would have reacted to him and then he would have been in my face and he would have got into trouble.

Against Juventus, United will rise far beyond the level they reached against Wimbledon's rudderless side. Ryan Giggs, an idle substitute on Saturday, will almost certainly replace Jesper Blomqvist and Jaap Stam should return

from injury. Selhurst Park and its myriad frustrations will be forgotten in an instant when Juventus run out in their black and white shirts. There will be no half measures, no catatonia. on Wednesday night.

WildELEDON (4-3-3), N Sulfvan — Thatcher, D Blackwell, C Perry, A Kimbi (sub: N Arcley, Birmin) — J Eusl, R Earle, N Hugher (Sub: A Rhoberts, 82) — M Hugher M Gayle, J Hantson (sub: C Cort, 68) MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Sch meichel — G Neville, H Berg, R Johnsen, D Irwn — D Beckham, R Keane, P Scholell, J

### for so many years. Earle's assessment of Keane's growing maturity boded well for their spoon into the

### Kidd gets sympathy but no help from old pals

BRIAN KIDD, the Blackburn Rovers manager, says that his team "cannot afford to look too far into the distance" as they strive to avoid relegation from the FA Carling Premiership. yet their seven remaining fixtures appear so treacherous BLACKBURN such a stubborn defence. that the two points dropped against Middlesbrough on Middlesbrough were simi-

extremely costly. Blackburn, only a point clear of the relegation places. are left with trips to Arsenal, Southampton, Charlton Athletic and Newcastle United and have home dates with Liverpool. Nottingham Forest and Manchester United.

Kidd does not need to have the situation spelt out to him - indeed, he chastises the outsiders who remind him of the seriousness of his team's plight — but the fact is that Blackburn need ten more points to be anything like safe and the stakes, whether Kidd likes it or not, will keep rising.

Saturday could prove to be

Although he can become prickly, he must be admired for the way that he is trying to throw a protective arm around his players. "I have never understood all that pressure stuff." he said again on Saturtday, "but if there is some, it will come on me and I will make sure the players relax."



by Steve Wood Alas, Blackburn's efforts against Middlesbrough, a team that needed two recent victories to allay their own relegation worries, bordered on the tortuous. Kidd said that "quality in and around the box let us down". Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, singled out the efforts of Gary Pallister, who was coached by Kidd and captained by Robson when the trio were at Old

Trafford. Pallister retains the priceless ability to read the play and frustrate opponents. Chris Sutton, a player adept at backing into his marker, got no change out the Middlesbrough centre back. Then again, Sutton, who withdrew from the England squad against Poland, was clearly

Ashley Ward and Callum Davidson went close, with a header and fizzing shot respec-tively, but only Matt Jansen, the England Under-21 forward, hinted at the subtlety required to find a way through

larly stupefying in attack until Gascoigne was introduced. The crowd laughed when the midfield player failed to control a simple pass, but they held their breath as he went close to scoring in the final minute with a wonderful free kick from 30 yards, which struck the bar. After only 22 minutes of action, Gascoigne appeared to be in need of a liedown, but perhaps that was as much to do with the general air of mediocrity as with his lack of fitness.

Before they left Lancashire, Pallister and Robson both spoke of Kidd as a great coach, a good person, a diligent work-er. They hoped he would take Blackburn out of trouble. It

Blackburn out of trouble. It was all so platitudinous. BLACkBurn Rovers (4-3-3) J Fian — J McAleer, S Henchoz, D Psacock, C Davidson — D Johnson, D Marcolin (sub L Carsley, 60mm). J Wilcox — M Jansen (sub h Denes, 85) C Sution, A Wand Marobi EsBROUGH (4-4-2). M Schwarzer — R Stockdale, C Cooper, G Petisier, D Gordon — N Maddison (sub P Gascogne, 88), M Summerbell, A Townsend (sub h Chell, 77). C Hamson — B Deane, H Read

### Wednesday sit back as Coventry step forward

THERE are some things that, simply, you do not do in life argue with a policeman; serve potatoes with custard; holiday m Eastbourne before the age of 83; move to Rockail. You know it's silly, you don't do it.

Does anybody stand in

front of Mike Tyson and say to his face: "You're a nutter, a complete ... etc etc"? Of course not. Does anyone ad-mit to liking British Rail food? No. So why does Joe Public scan the league tables each Easter and say: "Look at Coventry City, they're in trouble, they could go down?"

No they won't, they never do. They flirt with relegation. they flash their pretty little eye-lashes at it, lift their hem an inch or two, blush, let it buy them a drink and then tell it that, after all that effort, they'd rather not, all the same, but perhaps next time.

And the next time comes. and the next, and every year people fall for it, and on Saturday you could wonder only at the predictability of it all. No matter that Sheffield Wednesday are a decent side on their day, here they were handing over three points like granny with her chocolate eggs. "It was a funny game, real-ly," Gordon Strachan, the Cov-

entry manager, said after-

wards. "You have seen two teams not playing well." So Coventry played badly and won, the sign of a team that is staying up, and Wednesday played badly and lost, for the fifth time in a row, the sign of a team that could go down. It is far too early to say, of

WEDNESDAY

COVENTRY CITY 2

by Peter Robinson

course. The Easter pro-gramme is only halfway through and making a judgment before Coventry entertain Southampton today and Sheffield cross the Pennines to Everton is premature, at best ... but, well, Coventry will not be relegated, surely, and they showed why at Hillsborough. Whatever weaknesses that they might have, they know how to win, albeit occasionally. Moreover, in Whelan and Huckerby, they have very good strikers who score goals.

Huckerby paved the way for their first, after 18 minutes, breaking free of a careless de-fence before being felled by Srnicek. McAllister converted the penalty, Srnicek was lucky not to be sent off.

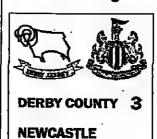
Wednesday reorganised at half-time and equalised shortly after it when Rudi turned in Carbone's bicycle kick. They had chances to win, too, but, with the end nigh, stood back and watched as Huckerby crossed from the right and Whelan tapped the ball home.

Strachan knew that his team had been lucky, but was not complaining. Danny Wilson, his opposite number, had reason to but had more pressing things on his mind - a neck injury to Walker, for instance, that threatens his participation against Everton and therefore his record of starting every league match this sea son for Wednesday, one that he shares with Atherton, Thome and Jonk. Now would be a bad time to lose him.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-3-1-2): P Shacek — P Atherton, E Thome, D Walker (sub. ) Newsome, 45mm), L Briscoe — N Aresendersson, W Jonk (sub. P Scott, 90). P Rud — B Carbone — R Cresswell, D Humphreys (sub: D Sonner, 45).

PARTY CITY (4-4-2) M Hedman — G Breen, R Shaw, P Willems, M Edworthy — G Boaleng, G McAlfister (sub P Clement 90), P Teller, S Froggat — D Huckerby, N Whelan.

#### Keegan's spirit returns to haunt **Derby**



UNITED by Richard Hobson

NOBODY would mistake Ruud Gullit and Kevin Keegan in an identity parade, but on Saturday Newcastle United bore an uncanny re-semblance to the Toon constructed fearlessly by the temporary England manager. Unfortunately for the nerves of the travelling support, comparisons grew to be as valid in de-

fence as in attack.
Going forward, Newcastle might have equalled anything seen in the FA Carling Pre-miership this season. With Ketsbaia and Maric peeling off the Derby County back three purposefully, Speed breaking from midfield and Hughes sweeping along the right, the confused performances that undermined Guillit's creden-tials in his formative days at St James's Park became increasingly hard to recall.

True. Derby defended as carelessly as the visitors and two of the goals relied upon deflections. Dabizas, too, might have seen red rather than yellow when he needlessly pulled back Baiano to concede a penalty early on. Yet, ultimately. they were worthy winners.

Jim Smith, the Derby manager, suggested that Newcas-tle played with such freedom because they know qualifica-tion for the Uefa Cup was as-sured. That this could happen

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by reaching the FA Cup semifinals has provoked ridicule in certain quarters. However, if the best aspects of their performance at Pride Park are reproduced next Sunday, and the worst are corrected, then Newcastle can make the issue academic by overcoming Tottenham Hotspur. Those who negotiated England's represenrooting for them to ease what ought to be considerable embarrassment.

By coincidence, Newcastle entertain Tottenham today and while Gullit suggested on Saturday that he will not become involved in mind games with George Graham, some of his comments later suggested he has started already. There was nothing to hide from the Tottenham manager, Gullit said, only for coyness to pre-vail over the possibility that Alan Shearer and Duncan Ferguson will return.

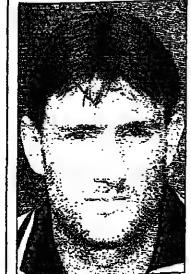
Smith dismissed with a gruff chuckle the notion that Derby themselves are now viable candidates for Europe. They have conceded eight goals in the past two matches and badly missed the physical presence of the suspended Daryl Powell. After Burton gave Derby the lead, they allowed Speed a free header to equalise and a clear view of too much of the goal to con-vert a free kick aftr Baiano's penalty.

They were punished, too, for allowing Ketsbaia the time to shoot before half-time, when Solano also hit a post. Solano himself was unmarked when he met Ketsbaia's cross with a firm, controlled volley to extend the lead and although Wanchope headed beyond Given in injury time, the minutes had run out for Derby. DERBY COUNTY (3-4-1-2): R Hoult — S Pror, H Carbonen (sub: P Wanchope, 43mm), J Laursen — V Borboles, S Schnoor rash D Sumdey, 81), L Bohnen, A Dongo — F Basano — D Burton, M Beck.

MEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2) S Given — A Hughes, L Charvel, N Dabizas, A Griffin — N Solano (subr G Brady, 83), R Lee, G Speed, D Dom — S Meric (sub. L Saha, 78), T Kelshaab. Reference: D Gallagher

### Le Tissier's return gives Southampton welcome boost

By BILL EDGAR



Hinchcliffe: back strain

THEIR unbroken spells in the top flight of English football comprise a combined 53 seasons, yet their traditional pose at the summit has been as figures clinging to the mountain edge by their fingernails. Coventry City and Southampton have rarely mixed with the championship challengers and this campaign has been no exception. Pair them in a league match over Easter and the result is more or less guaranteed: a relega-

tion hande. Coventry have begun the annual test of their immunity to the drop in encouraging fashion, collecting ten points from five games in the

FA Carling Premiership since calculations of safety targets began to be made in earnest. Their optimism for staying up is increased by the away record of Southampton, who visit Highfield Road this afternoon. The team with the lowest goal tally in the Premiership and Nationwide League will be seeking only their second win away from The Dell this season. Victory over Sheffield Wednes-

day at Hillsborough on Saturday put Coventry four points clear of

Southampton, who are third from

bottom with seven games remain-

ing. However, the Hampshire

side, who earned a creditable

weekend, will be heartened by the return from suspension of three midfield players - Matthew Le Tissier, Hassan Kachloul and Chris Marsden. Marian Pahars, the Latvia international, is also in contention to make his debut.

An equally tense game can be expected at Goodison Park, where Everton and Wednesday will also be keen to improve on their perilous positions close to the bottom. Like Coventry and Southampton. they are in a familiar position. having fought a relegation encoun-

home draw against Arsenal at the ter at the same ground last April, when Everton lost 3-1 but eventually escaped demotion on goal differ-

> Defeat by Liverpool on Saturday meant that Everton have gathered just nine points from 13 league games between Christmas and Easter, but Wednesday's form is no better. Having lost their past five matches, they will be keen for Andy Hinchcliffe to recover from a back strain in time to face his former team. Des Walker, his fellow defender, is also a doubt, harnpered by a neck problem.

Charlton Athletic's remarkable revival has faltered recently and they will be chasing a first victory in five games when they visit West Ham United today. Their attempt to climb out of the bottom three will be helped if, as expected, Rio Ferdinand has not recovered from the ankle injury that he sustained during West Ham's goalless draw against Aston Villa

on Friday. Nottingham Forest, who "need a few snookers" to survive, according to Ron Atkinson, their manager. may struggle to trouble Liverpool, who won 5-1 when the teams met at Anfield earlier in the

season. The return from suspension of Pierre van Hooijdonk and Chris Bart-Williams is unlikely to help avoid defeat for a team that has lost its past six home games. Newcastle United and Totten-

ham Hotspur, the latter guaranteed a Uefa Cup place next season and the former almost so, get a chance to size each other up before their FA Cup semi-final meeting at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Middlesbrough are away to Wimbledon, with Paul Gascoigne returning to the starting line-up after he began the away game with Blackburn Rovers at the weekend on the substitutes' bench.

THEY are the Manchester United of non-league football: the club with the best stadium. wealthiest benefactor and only fully-professional squad good enough to take Leeds United to an FA Cup replay, But since when did biggest automatically equal best? When the Nationwide Conference season ends, all that may count for nothing for the want of 120

seconds' more composure. For 88 minutes on Saturday, Rushden and Diamonds were the sharper and stronger team as the two best defences in the Conference locked horns with the most prolific attacks. Then

their world fell apart.
Victory would have left. Rushden as masters of their own destiny. Instead, it is Cheltenham Town who know that maximum points from their last seven games will bring league football to Gloucester shire for the first time. It is a tough ask. With cup commitments, they face ten games in 27 days, starting today against Kidderminster Harriers and. unlike Rushden, they are genuine part-timers.

Yet whatever their status there is no doubt that the momentum is now firmly with Steve Cotterill's tearn. "We haven't got the largest squad," he said, "but the players have been magnificent.

As many as 1,000 were locked out of a match that attracted 0.132, the biggest crowd in the Conference this season. Those that got in saw De Souza scramble Rushden's opener in the 21st minute, an advantage that Cheltenham rarely threatened to erase.

Then, with two minutes to go, a short-corner routine caught Rushden napping and a cross by Duff was headed in at the far post by Freeman. Rushden were then left in disbelief as Freeman released Brough and Grayson prodded in a momentous winner.

RUSHDEN AND DIAMONDS (3-5-2) M Smith — J Floowell, D Bradshaw, G Bicar-eton — T Wooding, M McEtherton, C Hedgs, M Cooper, P Underwood — D Coling, M De Souza Colina, M De Solza
CHELTENHAM TOWN (3-5-2): 3 Book—
JBROUgh, C Barris, N Novesth (sub. M Free-man, 60mm) — M Duff, D Norton, R Bloom-er (sub. R Miton, 83), L Howells, J Victory — N Grayson, D Baley (sub. N Krughl, 7-4).
Referee: S Franch

#### Nationwide League: Burley hails team as Swindon take heavy beating

### Rampant **Ipswich** recall glory years

Swindon Town lpswich Town.

By DAVID POWELL

TYPICAL of the beaten football manager's refusal to acknowledge a gulf in class, Jimmy Quinn had insisted that his Swindon Town team were not four goals worse than Queens Park Rangers in their last match. This time he knew the argument would not wash. So he went the other way.

"Six flattered us, it could have been ten," Quinn said. Ipswich Town, producing a performance of rare quality or a Nationwide League first division side, should have broken their club record for league a victory. It remains 7-0. against Portsmouth [1964]. Southampton [1974] and West Bromwich Albion [1976]. George Burley, the Ipswich manager, played in the last

two of those, and in a 6-0 victory away to Notts County in 982. Those were the days of Thijssen and Wark, Mariner and Mills, memories fresh from lifting the FA Cup and Uefa Cup, of a slick Ipswich passing game

The control, the accuracy, on Saturday was reminiscent of Ipswich in their pomp, though Burley declined to draw comparisons. Yet he did not keep the lid shut on the superlatives. "A magnificent performance from start to finish," Burley said. "A tremendous achievement, but it was not just the goals, it was the manner in which we played. It would have graced any Premiership ground."

The man advantage enjoyed by Ipswich for 83 minutes eased the path and Quinn was furious, "You cannot legislate for an outfield player thinking he is a goalkeeper." Quinn said after Craig Taylor had been sent off for using his hands to keep out a shot by Matt Holland. Such emergency action near the end, with a lead to protect, may provide a different argument. After seven minutes, it was foolish.

of his two penalties and Ipswich, with James Scowcroft. Tony Mowbray and Jamie Clapham also contributing goals, were five up in 62 minutes. Fabian Wilnis added a sixth after 75 minutes, but,

Johnson was profligate with At other times, Richard Nay-lor allowed himself to be tack-

either side of his goal, David

led after going clean through and Jimmy Glass made good saves from Clapham and Johnson. These may yet count against Ipswich, who have scored nine lewer goals than Bradford City, their main challengers for the second automat-

promotion place. ipswich daimed their 28th point out of 33 played since they lost to Sunderland and Quinn can see why. This was football as it is meant to be played.

For Swindon, the slide from mid-table continues with a fourth successive defeat and, while admitting his team's shortcomings, Quinn slipped in a line of self-defence. "We were third from bottom when I came here." Quinn said. He has picked them up once. Can he do it again? Huddersfield Town are the opponents to-day, which is where Quinn came in last October.

Cattre III (83) October 1
SWINDON TOWN (4-2) J Glass — D Linton, B Borrows (sub. R Hulbert, 46mm), A Reeves, S Daws (sub. C Hay, 78). — Rhows, C Taylor G Haif, T Gooden — I Onuora, S Bradley (sub: M Wahers, 64)
IPSWICH TOWN (3-5-2) R Wright — A Tanner (sub. J Cundy, 57), A Mowbray, M Venus — F Wilnes, M Shookwell (sub. R Nay-tor, 71); I Machinon, M Reland, J Clapham



Wilnis, left, has good reason to celebrate after scoring the sixth goal that completed his team's destruction of Swindon Town

Bradford City Grimsby Town...

BY MARTIN WOODS

ABSOLUTELY, completely. utterly. Thus spoke Lee Sharpe about his first goal for his new club on his home debut when admitting his scoring shot was a miskick.

A top-of-the-range miskick, as it happens, for it put the home side 2-0 up and settled their nerves just when it seemed that Grimsby might salvage something from a game strangled by that peculiar tension that afflicts those

involved in a promotion contest. Not that Paul Jewell, the Bradford manager, has made aethetics a priority, for he is acutely aware that this promotion contest is not about beau-We were rather nervous to-

day for the first time," he said. Robbie Blake gave City the lead after 11 minutes when, from a long punt by Gary Walsh, the Bradford goalkeeper, Jamie Lawrence challenged Andy Love, the Grimsby goalkeeper, and Blake fired in his fifteenth goal of the sea-

Sharpe, on loan until the end of the season from Leeds United, having spent three for-

gettable months with Sampodoria, scored in the 76th minute when he embarrassed Love with his close-range miskick from an acute angle from Peter Beagrie's left-wing cross.

In injury time, Beagrie curled a free kick from just outside the Grimsby penalty area sweetly into the top right-hand corner of the goal.

BRADFORD CITY (4-4-2): G Walsh — L
Todd (sub: L. Sharpe, 45mm), D Moore, A
Westwood, W Jacobs — J Lewrence, S McCall, G Whaley, P Beagne — R Bake (sub:
A O'Gren, 89]. L Mas (sub: D Windass, 44)
GRIMISBY TOWN (4-4-2): A Love — J McDemott, P Handysole, R Smith (sub: S Leingstone, 56), T Gallmore — K Donovan, S
Caldicott, P Groves, K Black (sub: W Burnett, 73) — J Lester (sub: L Ashoroft, 63), L
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### Sharpe makes his mark | Bolton grateful to Banks

Oxford United . Botton Wanderers...

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

EVEN their own supporters must feel that promotion to the FA Carling Premiership for the third time in five seasons would be the most mixed of blessings for Bolton Wanderers. Immediate relegation followed both previous promotions and one cannot help thinking that it would be third time unlucky if they were to squeak up again.
The team that scored 100

goals on its way to the 1996-97

first division championship could not survive, so what hope is there for the present squad? They have won only one of their past eight games and on Saturday were spared embarrassment at the hands of a team 15 places below

them only by wayward finishing and the inspired form of Steve Banks, their goalkeeper.
Scoring a goal of their own
was never a possibility. Colin
Todd, the manager, admitted
that Bolton were lucky to get a
point, but there is little evidence that any of the chasing pack are capable of denying them a place in the play-offs. Oxford, although still in

would have celebrated the arrival of Firoz Kassam, their new owner, with a second successive victory but for Banks. signed from Blackpool on transfer deadline day for a cut-price £50,000, who made outstanding saves from Matt Murphy and Kevin Francis. OXPORD UNITED (4-4-2) P Lindin — L Robinson, M Wasson, P Galchrist, P Powell — M Murphy, M Gray, P Tait, N Banger — K Prancis, A Thomson (sub. M Walama, 79mm)

considerable relegation dan-

ger, seemed to be improving

on and off the pitch. They

#### **Phillips** turns up volume control

West Bromwich Albion

By BILL EDGAR

THE mist that shrouded the Stadium of Light soon became their only hope. Unable to cope with waves of attacks West Bromwich Albion would have welcomed a thickening of the fog and a merciful aban-donment. The elements showed them no compassion. but their eventual defeat was no cause for gloom: Sunderland have long been out of sight at the top of the Nationwide League first division.

If vision was slightly im-paired, the sound of the home paired, the sound of the home support was emphatic. The bowl-like ground helps to keep noise levels high and it is no wonder that in 43 League matches played in the stadium during its chort history. during its short history, only three visiting teams have over-come such intimidation to emerge victorious.

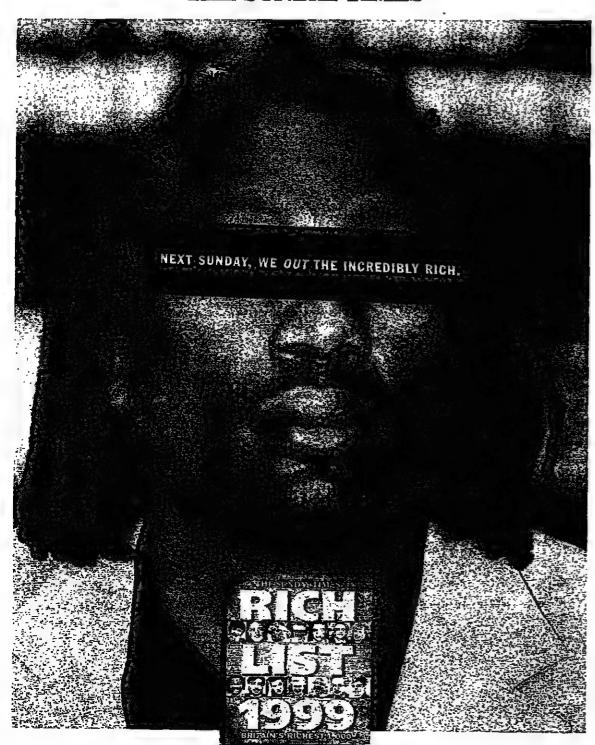
Sunderland supporters now turn up more in expectation than hope. Within 90 seconds. their team had forced two goalmouth scrambles, won three corners, hit a post and been denied a penalty for pushing Thereafter, only a series of fine saves by Phil Whitehead prevented a repeat of the sevengoal rout to which he was a party while playing on this ground earlier in the season when with Oxford United.

The championship that should soon be Sunderland's will have been achieved de-spite the handicap of injuries to key players, notably Lee Clark and Kevin Phillips, who have both missed more than three months of this cam-

paign.
On Saturday, Clark scored the second goal, from 25 yards, while Phillips took his tally to 17 this season with a longrange shot in the 25th minute and a header just after halftime. "The atmosphere was tremendous." he said. "If you can't enjoy playing in that, you can't enjoy anything."

SUNDERLAND (4-4-2) T Sorensen — C Maint, 3 Creddock, P Buller, M Gray — N Summerbee, K Ball (sub D Holloway 78min), L Carls, A Johnston (sub M Bridge, 74) — N Chinn (sub D Dichio, 61), K Phillips

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Carbon, G Polier — J Quinn (sub M Angel
42), M Boriolazzi, J van Bierk, F. Kilbene —
R Sneekes (sub F De Freites, 46) —



THE SUNDAY TIMES is THE SUNDAY PAPERS

#### Cooke keeps City | McFarland ready hopes simmering

Manchester City ... Wigan Athletic.

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A MEDIOCRE performance, one decisive goalkeeping oddity in their favour and three points secured - the very essence of promotion form which may yet see Manchester City take their place in the Nationwide League first division automatically next season.

However, it was with relief rather than rapture that City's huge following greeted the fi-nal whistle that sounded a narrow victory over Wigan. The nerve of both players and supporters will be tested again today during the encounter with the team most likely to deny them that vital second place, Preston North End.

City have emerged as con-

has witnessed one defeat in 17 league matches. For the past 14 of those, Joe Royle, the manager, has had the services of Ter Cooke, a winger, on loan from Manchester United, who scored his fourth goal in as many games on Saturday after an astonishing error by Roy

Carroll, the Wigan goalkeeper. In the 52nd minute, Carroll advanced to claim a pass from Jamie Pollock', but, aware that his momentum would carry him out of the penalty area, he dropped the ball that he had just caught, inviting Cooke to shoot home, which he did.

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Porier, M O'Neal — S Barlow, G Jones (sub\*)
D Love, 731

Cambridge United ...... Cardiff City.

By ANDY STEPHENS

YOU would not need to be a rocket scientist to know what Roy McFarland, the Cambridge United manager, wishes for when he shuts his eyes and blows out the candles on his birthday cake this evening. Promotion as champions of the Nationwide League third division will do

very nicely, thank you. Cardiff City were in no mood to offer McFarland, who is 51 today, any early gifts at the Abbey Stadium on Saturday, but the Welsh club

- the league leaders - will have derived less pleasure from the final scoreline, for it means that Cambridge, two points behind them but with as

many earnes in hand, remain favourites to secure the title. McFarland acknowledged

for happy returns

as much after a scrappy. goalless match, when he said: Today was a point gained rather than two points lost We've worked hard to get ourselves into a good position, but it will count for nothing unless we concentrate during the next five weeks."

Cardiff, marginally the better team on Saturday, almost snatched victory ten minutes from time when Bowen was narrowly denied - but who

narrowly denied — but who would be have been to spoil McFartand's party?

CAMBRIDGE UNITED (4-3-3). S Marvial — B Chenery, A Duncan, S Eustace, J Campbell — N Musice, P Wantess, I Ashbee — J Taylor (suc. R Walker, 80 min), M Buller, N McFarche CARDIFF CITY (4-4-2). J Hallworth — W O'Sulfwan, M Ford, G Marchell, J Edeland: — A Legg, R Carpenter, J Fowler, D Hall (sub. C Middleston, 75) — J Bowen (sub. J Williams, 81), K Nugeril Referee M Dean.

### English are kept on their toes

DESPITE having spent five years in the European wilderness because of the post-Heysel ban and then taking nearly twice as long to recover from the absence, English clubs have still won more European trophies than any other country. Signs of a possible return to their pre-eminence, in the forms of Manchester United and Chelsea, may be timely if they are to retain historical superiority over the Italians, who have

collected one cup fewer. United's European Cup semi-final against Juventus this week is therefore significant in this context - and the omens from Italy over the weekend were good for the English. Visiting an Empoli team seven points adrift at the foot of Serie A. Juventus suffered their first defeat in seven matches since Carlo Ancelotti replaced Marcello

Lippi as coach.
The Turin side, who play
the first leg of their semi-final
at Old Trafford on Wednesday, lost 1-0 to a goal in the 26th minute by Stefano Bianconi. Admittedly, Juvenius rested Filippo Inzaghi and OVERSEAS VIEW By Bill Edgar

Antonio Conte before fielding

them for the second half, but they were frustrated enough for Alessio Tacchinardi to be sent off eight minutes from Even though Italy's Euro-pean Cup allocation has been

increased to four for next season, Juventus's only route to



the competition may be to

win it this season, as they are seven points below the qualification level in Serie A. in seventh place. Lazio extended their lead at the top to six points by drawing 0-0 at home to AC Milan, while Fiorentina, in second place, lost 2-0 away to Internazionale, for whom Ronaldo capped a fine display by scoring both goals from the

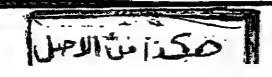
penalty spot Chelsea are likely to face a stubborn defence when Real Mallorca visit Stamford Bridge on Thursday for the first leg of their Cup Winners' Cup semi-final. The Spaniards lept their remarks Spaniards kept their remarkable record of having conceded only 21 league goals this season when they won 2-0 away to Villarreal yesterday,

with late goals from Leo Biagini and Dani. Mallorca remain sixth in a table led by Barcelona, who beat Real Oviedo 3-1 with a behind Bayern.

hat-trick from Rivaldo, of Brazil.

Like United, Bayern Munich remain on course for a treble of European Cup and domestic league and cup. The Germans, who travel to face Dynamo Kiev in the first leg of their semi-final on Wednesday, are already through to the German cup final, in which they will face Werder Bremen, and on Saturday, they extended their lead at the top of the Bundesliga to 15 points by recovering from a two-goal deficit to draw 2-2 away to Borussia Dortmund.

Bayern, who had won their past eight league matches without conceding a goal, fell behind to two strikes by Heiko Herrlich before halftime, but fought back through efforts from Alexander Zickler and Carsten Jancker, Sammy Kuffour, of Bayern, and Stefan Reuter, of Dortmund, were sent off in 2 match that also featured a missed penalty by Ricken, of Dortmund Bayer Leverkusen beat Kaiserslautern 1-0 to displace their hosts



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6 Aston Villa	31	8	3	5	25	24	4	6	5	14	13	45	+2
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#### NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

Miguel de Souza, who opened the scoring for Rushden and Diamonds, skips clear of two Cheltenbam Town players on Saturday. Cheltenham fought back in dramatic fashion to win with two goals in the last minute. Match report, page 30

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For this, Cambridge have to

thank Robin Williams. He has

been in command for five

years, never losing the Boat Race, taking over from Sean

Bowden, who now experiences annual defeat with the Dark Blues of Oxford Moreover,

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Cambridge was established a decade ago by a previous coach, Mark Lees, who

trained his crews with such intensity that he fell victim to

For example, Williams, a mild man from Monmouth, had chosen for this year's

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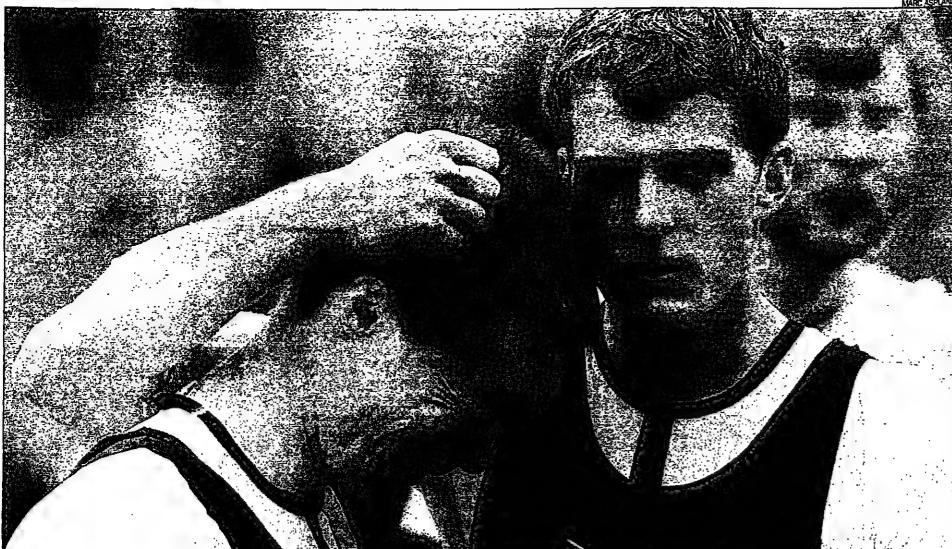
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### Cambridge formula reigns supreme

the bow of the boat and was to the fore of the affection shown after the race to Vian Sharif. the diminutive blonde cox, who had triumphed over those critics who had doubted

her ability.

Before, inevitably, her crew tossed her into the Thames, like fishermen returning a minnow, Sharif answered in the only way possible. "I know people had doubts," she said defiantly, "but I didn't care."

Indeed not, with an umpire as decisive and as firm as Mark Evans, the end of the cox wars that had threatened previous races was thankfully at hand. Coach Williams said of Sharif, 19, who is scarcely bigger than Williams's own 7-year-old daughter Elizabeth: Rob Hughes sees Oxford reduced to tears as the Light Blues

hammer home Boat Race truths "Look at her, she carried a heck

of a lot of responsibility, but she was big today, she kept a cool head and a stern disci-

Williams, who celebrates his 40th birthday today, maintained an almost Biblical adherence in being true to his own self. He had doubts this year. visited upon him by the constant stories from within Oxford that this time the recruitment of high-class rowers and the equalling of power would break the sequence of what is now a record seven consecutive Light Blues victories. "I was pretty worried on Fri-

day," Williams conceded. "We needed to put a few basics right and with the word coming that Oxford really rated themselves, with the way they had gone in warm-up races, I honestly did wonder if this time we would prevail."

However, it is not for the coach to transmit fear or selfdoubt and the Williams credo to his charges on Saturday was "don't try anything we have not

done over the past six months". In other words, trust in the method, in the cohesion, in the sharing of that teamwork for six hours a day over half the year, in the longer stroke and in the ability to relax momen-tarily at the height of the pull and trust that it would maintain the balanced, even surge that is the hallmark of Cambridge University rowing.

In victory, or defeat, some look for reasons, others simply draw reason out of the demeanour of men. Von Ettingshausen, whose father, Baron Othmar von Ettingshausen, from Dusseldorf, was on the towpath sharing first the pride then the despair, was one face of defeat. Another, an enduring vision of manhood in sports.

his hand, sometimes with only a silent appreciation. career in biochemis-

Meanwhile, Williams was

was Charlie Humphreys. When the race was run, Humphreys remained inert in the bow of the Oxford boat, a man draped over his own knees like a coat slung over an armchair. Eventually, he rose and, his cheeks flushed with effort spent, his eyes refusing to permit more of those tears he mit more of those tears, he

crossed the divide between the victors and the vanquished. This former Hampshire scholar is 22 and he had put himself forward to be the president of Oxford University Boat Club in this, his fourth year of coming to the Thames on Easter Saturday. Four years and now four defeats, starting in the Isis reserve boat, and yet he had the courage, the decency, the impulse to walk to each of the opposing eight and their cox and to offer

try beckons Humphreys now, but some of his crew will be back to challenge next year and the year after until they reach and surpass the omnipotence of Cambridge. Hum-phreys acknowledged that it might require the whole enstripped down to basics and that every aspect of their row-ing may need reappraisal, but in spirit the race just lost was a prelude to a challenge re-

rejoicing at a portent for East-er in 2000. "You know what really thrills me," he said, "is that Goldie beat Isis. They were physically the weaker crew, but they came through." Of course they did; they were coached in the same system.

### Oxford fail to live up to expectations

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

IN 1993, Oxford, with Pinsent president, were Boat Race favourites and lost by 3½ lengths. In the 145th Boat Race on Saturday, Oxford were again favourites and again lost by 31/2 lengths.

The comparisons end there. however, since, in 1993, Oxford had won for the previous six years. Their de-feat on Saturday was their seventh in succession and came at a time when some Cambridge supporters were quietly harbouring doubts about their crew. Even Robin Williams. the Cambridge coach, admitted that he was worried by his team's "inconsistency" two days prior to the

Once again, though, he, his men and one woman managed to get it right on the day. Their rhythm, length, tactics and mental approach were all faultiess and left a shellshocked expression on the face of Sean Bowden, the Oxford coach, when he disembarked from his launch.

Cambridge won the toss and chose Surrey, pleasing Alan Inns, the international cox and tideway expert, who had been tutoring Vian Sharif, the Cambridge cox. in the run-up to the event. Cambridge received an early warning from Mark Evans. the umpire, but led by half a length at the two-minutes

mark and had settled well. After the race, Graham Smith, the Cambridge No 7. reflected on the lift that the crew had received when they found themselves in this posi-tion. "I looked across and they weren't moving on us. It felt marvellous. You don't expect things to be that easy in the

Oxford had the Fulham bend still to come, but they did not capitalise on it. An ef-fort by Neil O'Donnell, their cox, to push Cambridge wide mistired when he was warned. There was a slight clash, but Cambridge held on to lead by isec at the Mile.

Oxford, still overlapping, spurted past Harrods Wharf. Cambridge replied and were warned, but Sharif and her

crew reached Hammersmith Bridge at the better angle and were one length up. If Smith had been enjoying the race at Putney, the rest of the crew were doing so now, moving steadily away with a long, smooth rhythm at a controlled 34 strokes per minute. The lead opened to 7sec at Chiswick Steps. 9sec at Barnes Bridge and had reached lisee by the finish as Cambridge re-corded the second-fastest time in the event's 170-year history.

Five of this year's Cambridge boat and seven of the Goldie reserves were new to the Cambridge experience and Goldie excelled to win



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their challenge, despite being the pre-race underdogs, in a new record time. with a crew composed entirely of British undergraduates, apart from Sean Cashin, a Canadian, Ali of the Goldie crew are set to return next year.

Cambridge are clearly on a great run. They have not had seven consecutive wins since 1936 and the spirit in their camp is infectious, a spirit summed up, perhaps, by Colin Swainson, the last man to get in to Goldie and who. incidently, lives in Oxford.

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The first five minutes of the row were out of this world." he said. "The rest was for Brad [the Cambridge president and the Blue Boat. The Blue Boat heard of Goldie's win before they started. It was worth half a



Sharif, the Cambridge cox, receives the traditional ducking

### Francis plays Hide and seek

JULIUS FRANCIS is to seek a world title bout after the successful defence of his British heavyweight championship against Danny Williams of Brixton at the Albert Hall on Saturday. This being Francis's second heavyweight triumph for Frank Maloney, his promoter, over opponents in the care of Maloney's rival. Frank Warren, the Woolwich boxer would like to make it three in a row for his manager.

Francis wants to challenge Herbie Hide, the World Boxing Organization (WBO) champion. Since Francis outpointed Williams by a margin of four rounds and Williams has previously had Hide out on his feet and then on the floor in sparring, the British champion can be forgiven for thinking that he has a reasonable chance of beating Hide. However, Francis may have to wait for

BOXING

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

Hide to first take on Vitaly Klitschko in June, as the Ukrainian is the mandatory Even though Francis beat Williams

by a clear margin, the bout was still an exciting one down to the final bell, with Williams's supporters hoping that he might come up with a knockout punch. Williams launched three onslaughts

against Francis in the sixth, seventh and tenth rounds, putting the champion under pressure, but Francis boxed generally well behind the jab and carried the fight to Williams. The challenger's only

response was to hide behind his gloves, which were not always effective in ward-

Cambridge settle into a smooth stroke as they pull towards a seventh consecutive victory. Photograph: Marc Aspland

ing off Francis's blows.

It had been hoped that Williams, who at 25 is nine years younger than the champion, would give some indication of his potential, but he was a disappointment. He put his punches together with great force and he appears to have a good chin, but he has still to be coached on pacing himself.

Marco Antonio Barrera, of Mexico, gave a display of quality boxing on the same bill, chopping down Paul Lloyd from Ellesmere Port in just one round. Even though Lloyd was the European champion, he looked no more than a nov-ice before the WBO super-bantamweight title-holder, and there was immediately talk of Barrera facing Naseem Hamed, the WBO featherweight champion.

### Leeds bid to get back on track

SO FAR, London Broncos have balanced getting to Wembley and main-taining their form in the JJB Super League better than Leeds Rhinos, their opponents in the Silk Cut Chailenge Cup final next month.

Their dress-rehearsal at Headingley today is the chance for Leeds to get their league campaign back on track after de-feats by Wigan Warriors and Bradford Bulls. For London, it represents a first crack at leading opposition on the ground where they beat Castleford Tigers to reach Wembley ten days ago.

The news that Shaun Edwards is unlikely to be fit for his eleventh cup final appearance after ten in a Wigan shirt is partly compensated by the return at scrum half of Glen Air, who injured a knee in pre-season training.

With Grant Young and Darren Brad-

RUGBY LEXEUE

By Christopher Irvine

street, two props, out with long-term injuries, the biggest day in London's history is in danger of being undermined. The club is making a bid for lan Roberts, the former Australia forward, while Anthony Seibold, who is cup-tied, makes his first full appearance in the pack after a try-scoring debut off the bench in the Hull match.

Leeds, whose Super League ambitions are at risk of a third league defeat. give a full debut at loose forward to Kevin Sinfield. Dean Lawford takes over at scrum half from Ryan Sheridan, who has a slight knee injury.

St Helens confront Bradford, another unbeaten side, at Knowsley Road, Paul Davidson is available after suspension, but Ellery Hanley, the coach, is expected to retain the side that won last Friday at Wigarl.

Denis Betts returns to the Wigan second row after a seven-month absence, Jason Robinson switches from the wing to scrum half and Lee Gilmour moves out of the pack to centre for the match away at Wakefield.

Hull, without a league win, have been struck down by injuries to four key players - Andrew Purcell, Karl Harrison, Andy Ireland and Fili Seru for the home match against Sheffield Eagles, for whom Dalc Cardoza is on standby after an injury to Daio Powell. the centre, in their opening league win over Huddersfield Giants.

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#### Powerful **Collins** too hot to handle

Wales Youth... New Zealand Youth ......25

BY GERALD DAVIES

WITH a masterful display of cohesive forward play. New Zealand won the 31st world junior championship in front of a full house of 13,000 at Stradey Park, Llanelli yesterday. Such was their sense of achievement in having won five games in the past ten days that they felt fully justified, in celebration, in performing their haka for the second time in the afternoon.

Their strength and disciline overcame a spirited but flawed Welsh team, who attempted to play a game of long passes. Which were highly risky in the difficult wet conditions and played into the hands of a closely-knit

The core of New Zealand's strength was to be found in their back row. Bates and Mc-Caw were a marauding pair of flankers who consumed the Wales midfield, while, in Jerry Collins, New Zealand had a No 8 who, both in attack and defence, was firmly in his country's tradition of influential players in this position.

As early as the tenth minute, he drove so effectively into the beart of the Welsh defence that he set up a move that ended with Mauger handing on to Fasaualu for the wing to canter over. New Zealand were never quite as threatening after Col-lins came off eight minutes into the second half.

Wales relied too much on the interventions of Williams from full back, whilst the teamwork of their opponents eventually produced a steamroller effect on the thin red line of

### Worcester's hopes stall

at Moseley

Moselev Worcester

By NICOLAS ANDREWS

THE rise of Worcester has teen relentless. From Midlands Two West ten years ago, they have advanced inexorably to the brink of the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division. So it was again this season, as they set the pace from the start, or jogged comforta-bly alongside Bristol at the top of the second division.

Three defeats in their past four games, though, have changed all that. Time is running out and the deficit is now four points. Worcester play Rotherham and Bristol, their promotion rivals, their promo-tion rivals, in the last two games of the season, but Les Cusworth, the director of rugby, appears already to have thrown in the towel. "Things are well and truly stacked against us," he said.

John Liley, the Worcester full back, has kicked important points from all over the park in a long career, but it was his failure to convert two penalty attempts in the last three mintites that proved costly.

Moseley, though, did not de-serve to lose. They tore into Worcester from the first whistle and dominated for an hour. while Worcester were guilty of failing to do the fundamentals well, before Jon Goodwin scored in the 62nd minute. SCORERS: Moseley: Tries: Marin (5mm), Brading (48) Conversion: Brans Pensity goots: Birns 2 (38, 43) Worcester. Try-Goodwin (82) Conversion: Liey. Pensity odwin (62) Conversio de: Liley 3 (9, 39, 47)

#### Tetley's Bitter Cup: North v South encounter promises classic final

### Wasps win chance to make final amends

Gloucester

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WASPS, who have played in four finals and have yet to win one, will have even greater mo-tivation for their fifth attempt. Their success at Loftus Road yesterday against a brave but limited Gloucester means that they will play the Tetley's Bit-ter Cup final at Twickenham on May 15 against Newcastle Falcons, the team orchestrated

by a swarm of former Wasps. When Rob Andrew left Sudbury for the North East four years ago, he took with him Steve Bates, Dean Ryan, Graham Childs and Nick Popplewell Subsequently, Va'aiga Tuiga-mala made the same journey and although there is no linger-ing resentment, there will be an added savour to a classic north v south confrontation.

The two clubs meet in the Allied Dunbar Premiership on April 18 at Loftus Road in a game that will be particularly significant since both seek to qualify for Europe by finish-ing in the top six. But the cup final will prove to be a wonderful carrot to sustain players until mid-May, as well as an op-portunity for Wasps to erase the memories of the final last year, when they arrived inured and weary and conceded 48 points to Saracens.

The memory of last year

rector of rugby at Wasps - fi-nalists in 1986, 1987, 1995 and 1998 - said. "We want to put that right. But this time we are in good health, our top players haven't been overplayed and we haven't had the injuries we did then. We think we are a better side one year on." They are certainly far more efficient, save in the conces-

sion of penalties. Four tries to none tells its own tale against a Gloucester side of limited means. It will be little consolation to the West Countrymen that they contributed significantly to a vibrant semi-final - watched by a 10,000 crowd. of whom nearly half came from Gloucester - that contained far more good rugby than the first semi-final at Reading on Saturday.

Had Terry Fanolua been awarded the first-half try that

he appeared to have scored. Gloucester would probably have taken a seven-point lead into the interval. Instead, his near-miss - Mark Mapletoft had to be content with the third of his six penalty goals instead - acted as a wake-up call for Wasps, who scored a try, corrected the deficiencies at the lineout and took a grip on affairs in the second half.

They played neat, composed rughy throughout, based on a solid defence that only Chris Catting and Fanolua threatened. In three matches this season, Gloucester have yet to break the Wasps' line and the departure of Fanolua on a stretcher with a knee injury,



Henderson, centre, bursts through the Gloucester rearguard for the first of Wasps' four tries at Loftus Road yesterday

four minutes after the interval, did nothing to assist that record. The selection of Simon Mannix at fly half, with Mapletoft dispatched to the wing. acknowledged Gloucester's readiness to defend rather than offer a midfield threat.

Even more disappointing was the concession of the first try from what should have been Gloucester ball. Kenny Logan and Mapletoft had exchanged penalties before Ian Sanders dropped the goal that levelled matters at 9-9. Fanolua, driven over by his forwards, was recalled so that Mapletoft could punish Wasps for offside, but the lead asted just two minutes. Joe Worsley stole away from

Gloucester lineout, Alex King created space for Rob Henderson and the ireland centre hurtled through to the posts. Eleven minutes into the second half, Paul Sampson sprinted to the line, although there was some doubt whether he had grounded the ball. It was a double strike from which Gloucester never recovered. Mapletoft kicked two

goals where Logan could not, but they had no response to Wasps' finishing. A series of forward drives left Lawrence Dallaglio five metres from the line and, from the scrum, Worsley and Wood worked

Paul Voiley into the corner. The black tide was running strongly and twice the Gloucester defence faltered before Wood and Worsley, yet again, paved the way for Logan to be driven over by his pack. The Scot carried his match tally to 20 points by kicking the conSCORERS: Waspe: Tries: Henderson (40), Sampson (51), Volley (70), Logen (81), Cemversione: Logen 3. Pennsity goals: Logen 3 (10, 21, 25) Goucester: Pennsity goals: Mapicioli 6 (11, 27, 38, 59, 61, 74). Direpted goals: Mapicioli 6 (11, 27, 38, 59, 61, 74). Direpted goals: Sanders (31) SCORERS SEQUENCE (Wasps IIII): 3-0, 3-3, 3-3, 9-3, 9-6, 9-9, 9-12, 18-12 (hall-airre), 23-12, 23-15, 23-16, 28-18, 29-21, 35-21.

WASPS: J Lewsey; P Sampson, F Waters, R Handerson, K Logart A King, M Wood; D Molloy, T Laota, W Green, M Weedon, S Shaw (rep: A Reed, 44-55, 69), L Dellaglio, P Volley, J Worstey.
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### Tuigamala leads Newcastle to Twickenham

Richmond Newcastle Falcons..

By MARK SOUSTER

AT WOOLER livestock market in Northumberland last week, the locals were berating lacklustre performance in Newcastle's record trouncing by Northampton. Someone even suggested that he might be ready for the knackers' yard. This week, when they reconvene, they will no doubt name a prize bull after him, for Tuigamala was back to his imperious best against Richmond, a player who, in tandem with Rob Andrew, proved to be a man for the occasion and the reason why Newcastle will be at Twickenham on May 15.

Tuigamala scored two tries and repeatedly cut Richmond to the bone. They might have

known that he was coming ei-ther off his wing or from the centre, after the injury to Jon-ny Wilkinson forced a reshuffle, but they could not always

The tries apart, one moment in the 65th minute epitomised his afternoon. Earl tle midfield in an attempt to break the stranglebold, only for Tuigamala to turn, dive backwards, catch and pass the ball away to Gary Armstrong in virtually one movement. For the new regime at New-

castle, who have injected £3 million into the club, reaching the cup final has produced an instant dividend. During the uncertain weeks after Sir John Hall departed, it was pledges of loyalty from people such as Tuigamala that calmed the situation and presented a united front that did much to persuade potential backers that Newcastle were a

cause worth fighting for. He was not alone in believing that reaching the final of the Tetley's Bitter Cup could be a defining moment for the club. This will have a big impact

on the city because rugby is still very much a new game. No doubt they will come the final. There is a real passion in the North East for any sporting success." Tuigamala, whose copybook was blotted when he was sent to the sinbin late on, said.

While Tuigamala roamed at will, it was Rob Andrew at fly half who twisted and turned Richmond, and the performance of the Newcastle forwards that allowed him to do so. John Kingston, the Richmond director of rugby, admitted that he thought his side could "get at" Andrew when Wilkinson retired after a ciash of heads with Nick Walne, but not a bit of it. It simply inspired the 36-year-old, who dropped a goal and kicked a penalty and conversion. Close your eyes and you could imagine him playing for England five or six years ago. Time and again, he would receive the ball, dink, check and then, off



either left or right foot, kick the ball into the corners. With Richmond insecure on their own lineout ball, the tactic worked admirably.
"From a club point of view

and the new owners it was massively important to win," Andrew said. "For me personback to Twickenham, to take the club to a cup final." After their own travails, it

was difficult not to feel some sympathy for Richmond, but on the day they simply froze, or at least their threequarters did. They were stolid in midfield, lay too deep and showed neither sparkle or wit. Their handling was desperate. It did not help that Va'a. their playmaker, had a dismal

'As an attacking entity, Richmond were non-existent. When they failed to take advantage of a rare period of pressure before half-time, you knew it was not to be their day. Richmond looked to outmuscle the Newcastle pack, from which Marins Hurter was missing, with a succession of scrums on their line. but they drew a complete blank. It was a crucial mo-

ment to explain the abject showing. It was such a big occasion, and we got it wrong. We just didn't play." he said. "But there are seven games to go. Let's see if we really are men." SCORERS: Richmand: Pennilly goel: Va's (45mm). Newcastle Falcount: Trips: Tugerisle 2 (23,59). Conversions: Witn-son, Andrew 103, Pennilly goel: Andrew [53]. Pennilly goel: Andrew [53]. Pennilly goel: Andrew [53]. PCORING SEQUENCE (Fictimond find): 0-7, 0-10, (half-time), 3-10, 3-13, 3-20. PICHMOND: M Firi, N Waire, J Wright, M Duon, S Brown, E Va'a, A Pichot, D McFarland, B Wilsons, D Chompton, A Sheridan hop: B Cusenck 50, C Gilles, C Cournel, R Hutton (rep: J Berloot 9), B Carles. NEWCASTLE FALCOUS: S Legg, T Under-

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### Woodward's worries

JEREMY GUSCOTT and Jonathan Wilkinson, England's two centres, caused Clive Woodward palpita-tions at the weekend as the England coach ponders his line-up for the final Five Nations Championship match, against Wales at Wembley

this Sunday. For the second week running, Guscott withdrew from the Bath team because of a strained hamstring while Wilkinson left the field during Newcastle's Tetley's Bitter Cup semi-final against Richmond with a badly

swollen eye.

Their plight, though, does not compare with that of Eric Peters, the back-row forward, who fractured a kneecap during Bath's victory over Leicester. Peters had an operation yesterday to immobilise his right leg and will miss the Scotland international with France in Paris on Saturday and the Scots' summer tour to South Africa. He is unlikely to resume playing rugby until August, putting back prepara-tions for the World Cup.

#### Bath find accent on youth pays dividends

**SPORT** 

By DAVID HANDS

YOUTH, they say, is far too good to be wasted on the young, yet it is the vibrant new generation at Bath that has played so crucial a role in digging them out of their midwinter doldrums and, on Saturday at the Recreation Ground. inflicting on Leicester, runa-

bar Premiership, only their fourth defeat of the season. Underpinning all, of course. is the experience of Victor Ubogu, Dave Hilton, the sadlyinjured Eric Peters and Mike Catt, but injuries have forced Bath to give youth its fling, hilh Balshaw, 20 this month, hus been there all season, but he has been joined by Steve Borth-wick, 19, Gareth Cooper, 19,

way leaders of the Allied Dun-

and Mike Tindall, 20, all anxious to carve a swath through the new professional era.
Twice Tindall, benefiting from the unselfish play of Kevin Maggs, wrenched open the tightest defence in the first division and the result was a try for Balshaw and a penalty for Catt that effectively brought to an end Leicester's run of ten successive Premiership wins.

Andy Robinson, the Bath coach, remains convinced that Leicester will win the Premier

Results and tables

ship, but he can see Europe more clearly on the horizon with his chib in third place and two games in hand on London Irish, just behind them.

Leicester remain eight points clear of Northampton, but they are playing tired rugby. It is as well for them that the cavalry are on the horizon. Once their England players have negotiated the final Five Nations Championship hurdle next Sunday, they can concentrate on club business knowing that Joel Stransky and Austin Healey, their first-choice half backs, should be back from injury and suspension respectively. along with Leon Lloyd and Jon Stuart.

For an hour on Saturday, you would not have guessed that these were two of the most Basic errors abounded, alongside an element of nastiness that cost Martin Corry II finger-wagging and Neil Back a spell in the sin-bin for punching.

The first try broke a 9-9 stalemate. Peters took the catch from a lineout and flipped it back to Hilton, his prop, who charged, and Leicester conceded a penalty try for collapsing the maul. The Leicester restart went into touch and although they did enough to unsettle the subsequent scrum, an errant boot kicked the ball to Maggs. who created space for Tindall. The centre arced through the defence and drew Tim Stimpson before serving Balshaw with a clear run to the line.

Catt's fourth penalty goal gave Bath a 15-point cushion and spurred Leicester into frantic efforts to retrieve something from the wreckage.

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SCORING SEQUENCE (Bath first): 3-0, 3-3, 3-6, 6-6, 8-6 (hall-time), 9-9, 16-9, 21-9, 24-9, 24-18.

24-9, 24-16.

BATH: M Peny; I Belshaw, M Tindel, K Maggs, A Adebayo: M Catt, G Cooper, D Hilton, M Ragan, V Ubogu, Irec: K Yates, 79min), M Haag, S Borthwick, R Earnshaw, E Peters Irec: R Bryan, 73), D Lyle.

LEICESTER: T Sumpson; N Ezulike Irep: J Fenis, 79), C Johns, P Howard, D Lougheet, G Murphy, J Hamilton; G Rowntree (rep: D Jelley, 58), R Cockentil (rep: D Wess, 68), D Garlonth, M Johnson, F van Heerden, L Moody (rep: P Gustard, 71), N Back (sin-bm 10-20), M Corry (rep: W Johnson, 71)

#### Best, the Exiles' director of rugby, ac-knowledged that Sale are a far more accomplished side than their league position indicated. Their backs bridged the

London Irish. By A Correspondent

"NEVER say die" seems to be Sale's new motto. In their past three Allied Dunbar Premiership matches, they have claimed seven league points, despite facing daunt-ing double-figure deficits, with the latest display of resilience, on Saturday at Heywood Road, coming against third-placed London Irish.

It took a dropped goal in injury time from near the halfway line by Shane Howarth to seal the victory, but Dick gulf between the sides with polished ease. yet it was a committed defensive effort in the second half that decided the outcome.

Adversity brings out Sale's best

Down 0-10. Sale looked in a sorry state, but, encouraged by the openness of the proceedings, they countered with tries from Kevin Ellis and Howarth. At halftime, impressive as they looked, the Irish advantage was a mere four points.
With Sale deploying their defence more

wisely after the break, the Irish offensive was contained. Thirteen minutes into the half, Phil Greening finished off a sleek passing move with a try and, although Jarrod Cunningham countered a third Howarth conversion with a penalty goal. the Wales full back had the final say.

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SCORDING SEQUENCE (Sale first): 0-3, 0-10, 7-10, 14-10, 17-10, 17-7, 20-17, 20-24 (mgl-mme), 27-24, 27-27, 30-27, 30-27, 30-42. J. Mediender: M Moore, J Beserdert, C Vases, fren: B J Metter, 64-mid, S Hanier; S Howards N, Ellis (repr. R Smith, 40); D Beil frep. P Winstaniey, 70), P Greening, D Theron, S Rawelau, C Murphy (repr. D Beidwin, 59), P Anglesen, A Sanderson, D O Culmoseguian (rep. A Morns, 9), LONDON ROSHE C O'Shee, J Bishop, N Burrows, B Verlar, (repr. R Todd, 9-19), J Cymmigham, S Bashop, K Plat, (rep. K Campbel, 40), M Worsley (repr. N Harley, 20), M Howetep, R Kirle, 40), R Hardwick (repr. K Fedman, 67), R Smudwick, N Harvey, J Boser, R Gallagher, I Festundi. Reference C Rese (London).

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**JANUARY** South Africa v England 4th and 5th Tests Sky Sports 2



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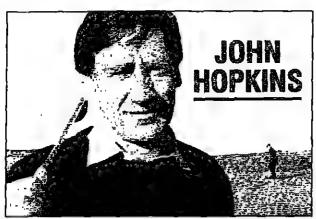
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#### MONDAY WATTERS

'It might sound stupid, but I've always found the rough isn't so bad in the middle of fairways'

### Duval's line on life makes easy reading



onsider the world of David Duval as he wakes up this morning amid the dogwood and azaleas of Augusta, Georgia. It is the second week of April and, in golfing terms, that means only one thing. Unfurl the parasols on the lawn behind the Augusta National clubhouse and bring on the peach cobblers and mint juleps. It is time for the Masters.

Augusta is a small town 100 miles east of Atlanta, known for once having had the largest cotton exchange in the southern states. The Partridge Inn on Walton Way is the oldest hotel in the South of the United States and the Augusta Chronicle the oldest newspaper. William Makepeace Thackeray passed through it on a lecture tour and was paid 100 guineas — a plump sum from a plump city, he

For 51 weeks of the year. Augusta goes about its business without impinging much upon the consciousness of the rest of the world. In the 52nd week, the eyes of the world are on Augusta National Golf Club and this year, particular-

ly, on Duval. 27, the young man

who once could not win a tournament and who now cannot lose one. He went for 92 events before he won his first (including seven times coming second), but, before the BellSouth Classic that ended in Atlanta last night, he had beaten his opponents in ten of the past 33 that he had entered. In one event that he won, his final round was a 59, arguably the greatest competi-

Many of today's golfing heroes have echoes of their forefathers. With Duval, it is Ben Hogan, who had a stare that was just as impassive and who was the last man before Duval to win his first three victories in consecutive appearances. This is not the only connection. When Hogan was 9, his father, Chester, sick with financial worries, but a gun to his head and shot himself. Tragedy visited the Duval household when David was 9 and bone marrow was extracted from his hips in an unsuccessful attempt to save the life of Brent, his 12-year-old brother, who had aplas-

Hogan was a voracious practiser. Duval is a voracious reader, whose favourite novel is Ayn



Eagle eye: Duval, the No I golfer in the world, stares out from beneath his trademark black cap during an incredible run of success in the build-up to the Masters

Rand's The Fountain-head, the story of a young architect who rails against conventional standards. Duval once set himself the task of reading 30 books in one year and managed 31. The week after his 59, while skiing in Idaho, he took a house guest into a room and pointed out the 20 volumes of the Oxford English Dictionary given to him as a present by his girl-friend. Duval, whose 59 had taken five hours, marvelled that these dictionaries had taken three quarters of a century to compile. "People are making a big deal out of what I've done, but it's nothing compared to this," he said, holding out one of four volumes containing words beginning with the

letter S. "This took ten years."

A young man full of spikiness was how Duval had appeared to

me when I first came across him at the 1992 US Open at Pebble Beach. He walked with a cocky swagger, as though he was rather pleased with himself, which, I gathered later, he was. He was pear-shaped, weighing nearly 50lb more then than he does now, and had short,

e took a distinctive and somewhat unconventional grip of his club, with both his hands rotated well to the right. That was the first stylistic solecism, I noted. The second came during the downswing, when his head swivelled towards the target. Recently, trying to explain how

he was in those days, Duval said: What is, is. My brother died, my parents divorced ... blah, blah,

blah. There is nothing 1 can do about it. Maybe my mechanism has not been to analyse it because it would only hinder me from going on. The bottom line is, I don't believe you are given more than you can handle and you have to find a way to cope. You can level your own playing field by under-standing that life only becomes fair when you realise it is unfair. I do not wonder about, or want to share, the way I am. I am not say-ing my way is right. It might turn off a lot of people, but it's the way I found that suits me."

In past weeks, Duval has demonstrated what Tom Watson once noted, namely that winning breeds charisma. Duval oozed charisma long before he had that 59. He created charisma by his stony face, his obduracy, by the black cap and

sunglasses, by his remarkable run of success. Now he is making a conscious effort to relate more to people who are generating such feelings of warmth towards him and he actually made rather a good joke in the aftermath of his victory in the Players Championship on Sunday last week. "It might sound stupid, but I have always found the rough isn't so bad in the mid-

dle of the fairways," he said.
At Atlanta, three days later, he had loosened up even more. "Sure I am more comfortable than two years ago. I have been playing for five years now and I am getting used to seeing the people who travel the tour and once you get familiar with the people at each spot, it gets easier to interact. I think I have done a very good job since I have been a pro, watching my

time, making sure I did not overextend myself, investing my earnings, saving money, looking down the road. It hasn't changed much in the past two years I have been doing well. I don't see why it will

in the future." The plaudits are ringing out for Duval in a way that once he would not have thought was possible, but he is no more likely to be swayed by it all than Hogan was. Designing his own line of golf clothing? Hardly. Designing golf courses? Possibly, but daily fee courses, not. as he put it, "places you have to

come up with \$75,000 to join. "My main agenda is to leave the world a better place than it was when I came in. I want to be a good role model, conducting myself as a professional, to act as a gentleman when I play".



#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

OKhridge is a service on the Internet which provides a facility to play live bridge with other players from anywhere in the world. Today's deal was played at 60 tables within the space of about 20 minutes.

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Contract: Stx Clubs by South. Lead: four of spade

As is popular in tournament this and play the king of diabridge. West's Two Diamonds was a Weak Two. Now play the ace of hearts showing a six-card suit and 6-10 high-card points. North felt that her hand was too strong for an immediate overcall and so started off with a double, intending to bid hearts at her next turn. The final contract was a good spot and odds on to succeed. Assuming that the ace of diamond is with West and that you have no trump loser, can you see a line that can succeed when the king of hearts is poorly placed? Did you win the first trick

in dummy? If so, think of

The best line is to overtake the king of spades with the ace and play a diamond towards dummy's king. Assuming West takes his ace and plays another spade to force the dummy (best), ruff

PEDALFER

c. A scroll

and ruff a heart with the jack (if the king of hearts has dropped under the ace you can afford to cash one trump first). If hearts are 2-2, draw trumps and cash the hearts. If hearts are 3-1, and no one has ruffed with the queen of clubs, cross back to dummy with a trump, ruff the hearts good, draw the last trump. and cash the hearts. You make on the lay-out above. and also when hearts are 3-1 but the hand with the single-ton does not have the queen

of trumps. ing hearts.

When the deal actually occurred the slam was doomed to failure because East had all four outstand-For more information on OKbridge, visit their website: www.okbridge.com.

#### WINNING MOVE

By Philip Howard

a. A pedal boat b. Sait c. The peak of a minaret c. A tree with cones OORIAL. RINCEAU a. A sheep a. A verse form b. On the ceiling b. A streamlet

WORD-WATCHING

c. A silk/cotton material

By Raymond Keene



Qc1 Ni4 hxg5 Qc3 Kh2 Nd3 Qi6+ Ni4

White: Viktor Korchnoi

Black: Boris Spassky

St Petersburg 1999

exd5 Bd2

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Nxd5 8g7 Nb6 0-0

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Two great players who origi-

#### Veterans clash

nally came from St Petersburg, but subsequently emigrated, have contested a tengame speed chess match in their home city. Boris Spassky, the former world champion, was defeated by Viktor Korchnoi, the twotimes world championship challenger. Korchnoi now represents Switzerland while Spassky represents France. Korchnol won games two, three, six and eight; Spassky won games one and four. while the remaining garnes were drawn.

White: Boris Spassky Black: Viktor Korchnoi St Petersburg 1999

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A tournament on the knockout format is underway in Southend. The action can be followed on www.chess.redbus.

White to play. This position is from the game Koenig -Bakker, Parsippany 1999. White has a powerful concentration of force on the e- and f-files. How did he make the most of this?



### Scouse wit whose bad taste like bear race ruins his efforts to amuse

t cannot be long before Tony Blair breaks off from the war with Serbia to pronounce on an equally pressing matter of state. "If he did indeed snort in the way that he is said to have snorted then, yes, he has to go," the Prime Minister will pronounce and Robbie Fowler will be led off to a life of

shame. You may laugh, but no football matter is too insignificant for the politicians these days, so the Liverpool and England striker had best prepare himself for the worst. Sick, repulsive and despicable were just some of the descriptions of his goal celebrations yesterday and that was even before the Minister for Sport had been allowed his say.

This is not to defend the 23-year-old, who, having invited Graeme Le Saux to thrust something up his backside and then pretended to shovel cocaine up his nose, must now find something to fill the space between his ears. He should have known better and his tim-ing could not have been worse. with a trip to the Football Association pending on Friday over his taunting of Le Saux. He cannot expect a sympathetic hearing and he does not de-

serve one. But call him stupid, ban him for a few games if you must, but spare us, please, from all the moral indignation over his idiotic stunt. "Fowler never thought about the kids or the wretched screams of tor-tured souls hooked on drugs," one newspaper served up yesterday, ensuring more wretched screams from its tortured readers. Not even Fowler would be daft enough to endorse cocaine, although some pop groups manage to get away with it without being banned from the airwaves.



#### Matt Dickinson says Robbie Fowler might benefit from

a change of scene

So why on earth did Fowler do it? To get up the noses, so to speak, of Everton fans is the obvious answer, after they had voiced the long-running and unfounded rumours about his "It got to the point where

people were shouting 'druggie' and 'smackhead' at me," Fowler explained earlier this season and he hoped. In his usual misguided manner, to prove himself untouched.

A deeper explanation - and forgive any attempt at amateur psychology - is that Fowler was once again proving rather eager to please. Not the nation, of course, who will now moralise about his antics more than they fret over the bombing of Serbia, but the pocket of Merseyside mates who have been his friends

since youth and to whom he remains remarkably loyal. Far from shunning him, they will be slapping him on the back.
"Nice one. Robbie," they will
be saying, just as they did
when he wore a T-shirt in support of the sacked Liverpool dockers and as they did when he waggled his burn at Le

And that, perhaps, is Fowler's problem — the world does not appear to exist beyond the Mersey tunnel he sometimes comes across as though he would be happy playing against Everton every week. While Steve McManaman, his great friend, has decided to seek out the wider world in Madrid next season, Fowler has just signed a new five-year deal to stay in Liverpool. His loyalty to his home

Fowler makes the unseemly gesture at Le Saux for which he must answer to the FA at a hearing later this week

town, aided by at least £30,000 a week, is to be admired, but. increasingly, he may regret it. Alex Ferguson wanted to take him to Old Trafford last year and Arsène Wenger would happily have broken Arsenal's ( transfer record to lure him to London this summer. Fowler knew of the interest from Highbury but he opted to stay at Anfield and it is not only his football that may suffer.

A move, even to Manches-ter, would have opened his mind a little and shown him that the Scouse humour does not always travel well. He may have learnt, without the need for the FA punishment that is inevitable this week, that there is a stage when homophobic mickey-taking be-comes a little more sinister. He may have learnt the difference between "a joke", as he described his goal celebration on Saturday, and a brainless

without the chance to move away, one wonders where he will learn his lesson. Not from Gérard Houllier, it would appear. who looked distinctly dumb on Saturday night as he attempted to laugh off Fowler's antics as "eating grass". The Frenchman cannot really expect us to believe that he is that

He should punish Fowler quickly in the vain hope that the FA will be more lenient and perhaps then it would bring a swifter end to an entirely regrettable incident.

Otherwise, the rest of us will have to batten down the hatches and get out the sandbags because a tidal wave of moral indignation is heading our way. Fowler deserves to have the book thrown at him just for

#### THIS SPORTING WEEK IN THE TIMES

was Brian Clarke's monthly fishing column; plus full reports on the Easter football programme. Wedne Manchester United v Juventus — the build-up to the big match. Thorraday: Chelsea v Real Mallorca, Cup Winners' Cup preview. Friday: The Masters -- first day report. Saturday: Full-colour guide and expert tips on the Grand National from Aintree

#### TELEVISION HIGHLIGHT

FOR fans awaiting their annual fix of golf and greenery from Augusta, BBC2's **The Magle of the Masters** (today, 7pm) provides enough choice cuts from previous years to what the appetite for a whole season. Alan Hansen, of footballing enown, introduces clips of Sarazen, Faldo and Nicklaus, plus Larry Mize on one of the great winning shots of all time.

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WONDAY WATTERS

LYNNE TRUSS

t must be worse for Tim Hencourse, the crowd grew ever loudman himself; that's the only er. This cup-tie will be famous for consolation. Being told conthe volume of noise, if for nothing tinually to "Come on" by unelse, but the effect was odd. People imaginative lans must be the most blew whistles, as if at a Brazilian football match; they waved flags and hammered their heels on the aggravating thing in the world. He leaves the house in the morning and is spotted by a child on a trike. floor. And in the end, the drama of "Come on Tim!" the child lisps. He the event certainly merited such a walks to the paper shop and is reaction, but somehow (how can I seen by people on a passing bus. put this?) tennis still deserved "Come on Tim!" they yell, through something more refined. the windows. He purchases a pint Perhaps the problem is that tenof milk. "Come on Tim!" quips the woman at the till, as he sorts through his change. When he and his pirifriend, Lucy, are late for a party because he is drying his hair, she must be under strict in-struction to say only: "Nearly ready, then?" and "Tell you what,

I'll start the car!" The day she for-

gets and orders him to "Come on". I fear the relationship will be very

One would hate for tennis fans

to start singing about walking in a

Henman Wonderland (or indeed, about tennis coming home), but this over-eager croquet-club cho-

rus of "Come on Tim" has just got to stop before it drives everybody insane. Surely there are other ways of encouraging a person, stiff-

ening their sinews, egging them on, showing them you care? I mean, what about "Go on. Tim". just for a change? Or even "Tim,

Tim, pick up thy musket"? Don't

people realise that it sounds rather

desperate, anyway, to keep saying

"Come on Tim"? It implies Tim is

dragging his size elevens. It im-

plies he doesn't appreciate the seri-

ousness of the situation, or doesn't

care. How very annoying it must

be to be told to "Come on", in any

case, when you are clearly coming

tains a sulky concentration and

rarely acknowledges the crowd.

even when the yelling reaches the

sort of unprecedented pitch heard

this weekend at Birmingham's Na-

tional Indoor Arena, between eve-

ry single point played. Doesn't he

get headaches? I know I did. The

damn lighting was bad enough. Add to that the constant smell of

food when you can't bear to leave

your seat and the ever-present dan-

ger that Cliff will entertain you.

But the worst thing is the noise.

Not because I'm a kilijoy (really), but because it lurches so drastical-

ly between utter silence and thun-

derous claxon-and-rattle din -- al-

ternating the two conditions ap-

proximately every 20 seconds for

hour after hour - that in the end

As the weekend wore on, of

you just can't stand it.

on as fast as you possibly can. Henman does not grin and bear this torrent of goodwill; he main-

swiftly at an end.

nis fans yell regardless of whether their chap is up or down; tiresomely, they exhort him either way. Also, because their celebratory noises have to be kick-started from silence every time, they seem about as spontaneous as a Robbie Fowler goal celebration stunt. I'm sure our brave tennis boys are not a bit ungrateful for the phenomenal, historic support they received, but, by the end of it, I'm sure they'd have worn ear-plugs if the rules had allowed.

Perhaps I'm just trying to ex-plain why this Davis Cup-tie against the United States was actually almost unbearable to watch, Witnessing history unfold is a privilege that should never be understated, but if you also develop ulcers and earache in the process it's only honest to admit it. So actually, speaking frankly, the Davis Cup was pure torture, wasn't it? It

was no fun at all. So much at stake; so much to prove; the best chance of winning such a match in all our lifetimes.

It was not relaxing, nor could it be. And "Come on" just came no-where near the feelings for Tim and Greg yanking your heart around in its ghastly tour of the chestal cavity for three days' solid

I mean, take Henman's match on Friday. During his five-setter against Jim Courier, Henman twice broke back identically only to lose sets at the tie-break. Twice my heart actually stopped functioning and I had to use the emergency generator. He broke back again in the fourth and reached another tiebreak, so I decided this was getting too much like Groundhog Day and I wasn't going to try not to are any more — at which point, and locker-roomy and contacthe heroically won the fourth-set tie-break, defending four match points in the process. Blimey, Such courage. Such resilience. Such a macho gesture, moreover, involving fist and snarl. "Come on Tim" I blurted at last, and then kicked myself for it. (Damn.)

n odd change overtook the Great Britain bench overnight, incidentally, between Friday and Saturday. On Friday, the American support were alone in jumping up and applauding their chap, the Brits instead adopting the hunched posture of defeat that comes so naturally to us. The difference between the two teams was marked, Red-shirted Americans were forever leaping to their feet. saluting each other with high fives and even grabbing neighbours crowd who around the hips, as if tennis were to Come on.

sporty like that. Meanwhile, the reserved Brits gave the impression that they didn't know where to

Yet by Saturday, all this had changed. Greg and Tim had evidently practised high fives all night until they got them right ("Right hand? Right Like this? Harder? No, you first. Oh. I see"), and David Lloyd had orchestrated his men to leap to their feet and clap as if spontaneously moved to do so. Perhaps they rang Kevin Keegan and asked for the name of his mysterious motivational chap. Or perhaps they got Kevin Keegan. Either way, it was the fastest known case of chaps progressing from "Sorry, I'm afraid I have a touch taboo" to "Hey, I really love you, man that has ever occurred in full view of an adoring crowd who just wanted everyone

### Masterful recollection of golf's golden moments

of an impossible chip, a miraculous putt or Seve Ballesteros in hipster flares with a white belt, then Alan Hansen's Magic of the Masters will make pretty absorbing viewing tonight on BBC2. Personally, I have watched it twice and may watch it

Golfers bathed in golden light recollect the day they made "bird-ie, birdie, birdie" or struck "the sweetest putt of my life". Balls travel in perfect arcs over emerald velvet to drop with exquisite precision in the hole. Galleries leap and cheer in terrible clothes. Men drop to their knees and cry. And meanwhile, for those who love a novelty, Nick Faldo is observed to smile on two quite separate occa-

To anyone less convinced by the glory of golf, however, there is the scandalously tasty case of the erroneous scorecard, which, in its absurdity, will confirm every-thing they ever disliked about the game.

This doubtless legendary incident occurred after the final round in 1968, when Roberto De Vicenzo, of Argentina, signed a scorecard filled in incorrectly and found that he had thereby not forced a play-off (as he thought), but had instead lost. Common sense would call for the Tippex, of course, but alas, common sense's opinion was not solicited. "Rules

are rules," Augusta said.

De Vicenzo had signed for a four on the !7th when, in front of millions of people, he had shot a three. If he must return to Buenos Alres with a flea in his ear, he had

only himself to blame.

Are there any golfers who don't remember how they approached the 16th on the Saturday in 1962? Obviously, it would make inferior telly if they recollected with certainty only the colour of their umbrella and the mashed potato afterwards, but after a while it seems slightly spooky that they can recall every shot in illuminated detail. "It was a downhill lie, the wind

had changed direction, I was two shots behind and there was a woman in a lemon scarf," they say of a moment 35 years ago, picking it from a lifetime's career. "I decided that fortune favours the brave, so I selected my twoiron." One starts to wonder (mischievous thought) that perhaps they watch old videos of themselves in the evenings.

Still, at least they feel flattered to be asked and are polite enough to reply. Imagine Alan Shearer as a top golfer, bathed in golden etc etc. Talk us through that momentous round," the interviewer urges, with an encouraging smile. Shearer sticks out his bottom lip while his little eyes assume a challenging expression. "You tell me," he says. 'That's your job; that's not my job. You tell me about that momentous round if you're so keen to talk about it."

The Magic of the Masters does clear up a few things I'd been wondering about. What happens at the apostolic jacket ceremony if last year's winner wins it again? Answer: he just puts the jacket on. (fair enough)

hat happens if you are colour-blind and can't figure out the coded scoreboard? Answer: you ask your caddie: "How many of those ones are red?" And he replies: "Just yours, boss."

It is a shame they don't show the 1998 Butler Cabin ceremony, when Tiger Woods held the jacket for Mark O'Meara so high that the poor chap couldn't get his arm in. I have been enjoying telling that story. Instead, they show him getting it right outdoors and now nobody will believe me that I ever saw anything else.



### Toby's boat race a televisual treat

nteresting that Woody Allen should have described the satiric point of his new film Celebrity the night before the Boat Race, which in a single television sitting transformed Toby Wallace (a humble Cambridge rower, who sits at the back) into someone you'd be glad to see with his own breakfast show. At midday on Saturday I'd never heard of him, but by four O'clock I was wondering whether he ought to get together with Trude from

And I have to admit it spiced up the race - almost managing to disguise the utter lack of suspense generated each and every year by one crew pulling ahead initially and then inexorably increasing their lead. As a calendar event. the Boat Race compels attention and I attended it every year when I lived in Putney, even purchasing a larky com-memorative Boat Race cake from a local bakery. But I grew wary of it, especially after the tenth year of getting wet and not having a clue who won, and the cake

being a crushing disappointment.

So good luck to the Toby initiative, which will open up and personalise the Boat Race for self-excluded oiks like me, whose schools had neither wet bobs nor dry bobs (or, indeed, any bobs at all). Perhaps after university Toby could get a job at the airport or in a skl lodge, so that he can stay on telly. The only prob-lem with his celebrity CV is that he rows

a bit. But I suppose he could drop that, if his agent thought it best.

METAPHORS continue to slip the cuffs in the world of sport. It was ever thus, of course, but that's no reason not to be delighted by the image conjured by the Cambridge rowing coach on Saturday to the effect that his crew's butterflies had to be kept on the boil so that they didn't peak too soon. An ex-Arsenal play-er, asked how he coped with the expecta-tions the Arsenal "mantle" confers, agreed that the mantle was a problem. since it did pursue him. Expect nightmares featuring a stew of Lepidoptera and a sleeveless cloak swooping over stadiums in avenging fashion.

### Shame about the fizz fiasco

hese were some of the most shocking pictures ever broadcast. I can see that I am going to have to construct a new world view after watching them. All my most cherished beliefs are in tatters.

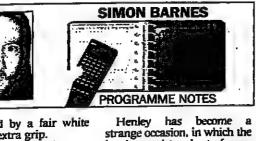
It happened shortly after the 145th occasion of what the beak who tried Bertie Wooster called "the annual aquatic contest between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge" (Bertie was fined £5 for his part in the pinching of a policeman's helmet).

The winning Cambridge crew were presented with what I guessed was a jereboam of champagne - and over the course of five of the most excruciating minutes ever seen on television, failed to open it. I thought that opening bottle of champagne was something that students at the older universities did more or less on a daily basis.

But no. We had a pulling and twisting and a bit of halfhearted Formula One shaking as well and nothing would budge the bloody cork. Big boys, not lacking in physical strength, as the previous 1615 minutes had shown — but not one had the man-of-the-worldliness required to get at the contents of a bottle of cham-

it went on and on, for impossible lengths of time, while we at home watched and made would-be helpful gestures. making in dumb-show that on-so-easy twist of the right





hardest and toughest of oars-

men never really know if they

come there with resentment of

the boozing over-dressed throng, or with delight. Royal

Ascot would be the same occa-

sion if they ran selling platers

instead of the best horses in

The Grand National makes

splendid pictures of course,

but there is the same feeling

that the BBC is selling not so

much sport as history; and an

odd feeling that it is selling the

country as a kind of Last

Night of the Proms panto-mime, a Disneyland of quaint

the United States. They pro-

mote the tournament not with

pictures of Wimbledon Common and Plough Lane and the

Dog and Fox but with pictures

of Trooping the Colour and the Houses of Parliament. With Wimbledon, they sell

great sport with a kind of

pleasingly patronising gar-

nish. Wimbledon is the most

sought-after of all the Grand

Slam tournaments, because it

mixes the action with the histo-

Try watching Wimbledon in

and curious folk.

hand, aided by a fair white napkin for extra grip.

In the end - shattering any remaining confidence I had in the present generation of students - they gave up. A stu-dent who gets halfway through opening a bottle of champagne lives a life I cannot begin to imagine.
I was reminded of the head-

line that accompanied another famous literary visit before the beak: Sebastian, in Brideshead Revisisted: "Marquis's son unused to wine". The entire eight looked like precisely that: marquis's sons unused to wine. The Boat Race is one of the

BBC's annually most successful exports. It is hard to see why - and by see, I mean looking at pictures. There are 16 big chaps and a couple of little people propelling splinters of wood down a not especially sumptuous stretch of the Thames. But this is one of the British or English events that is dominated by the sense of occasion. There are a good number of these. Perhaps one could come up with graded sequence of how much relevance the actual sport has to the sense of occasion in this disscribe of occasion of events.

ry, with my-how-quaintness. man who tastes such delights?

It is the great Bertie Wooster Ride at Theme Park UK. All the BBC can do, I sup-

pose, it to play it straight and, indeed, the Boat Race is great sport, a duel in which the first blow is decisive. But the opponent does not drop dead. Instead, he bleeds to death in slow motion - precisely the course of the race of Saturday.

The coverage caught the decisive moment: the clash of blades, the sudden veering of Oxford that cost them perhaps a third of a length at the moment of psychological truth. Oddly enough, it was not made that much of by the commentators, but the pictures said it all.

nd then to the finish and what is always the saddest picture. in purely sporting terms - the losing crew. Even the winners can hardly raise a smile at the end, so knackering is this four-and-a-bit miles of water. For the losers, it is almost beyond bearing.

In the end, though, I did not despair entirely of studentkind. The final picture of the celebrations showed us some excellent footage of the Cambridge bow-man, T. J. Wallace, repeatedly snogging the cox, V. Sharif. We will have to go the official stats-man for the final count, but there were getting on for half-a-dozen lip-tolip smackers. And what. I thought forgivingly at the close, is champagne to the

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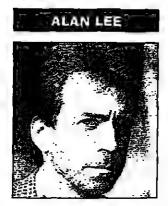
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### Pushing the barriers to new frontiers



Racing Commentary

puracell jockey of his generation. relentless and efficient. By 1972, he had ridden more winners than the legends of jump racing but he faced a personal dilemma. "I had the chance to start training but I reckoned if I rode for two more years I would set a record that could never be beaten." He chuckled at the memory, "I'm glad I didn't because that turned out to be rubbish."

As records go. Mellor's figure still proved a lasting benchmark. His career total of 1.035 winners stood for 12 years. Since then, though, it has been passed three times, the previously implausible now close to commonplace. Mellor, who will be 62 on Saturday, remains philosophical. "Things change so fast. What we think of as exceptional now will seem like nothing in 20 years' time."

By then, no doubt, Tony McCoy will have broken the 2,000-winner barrier and his successor as champion will be propelling the record still further into the stratosphere. Richard Dunwoody, who should today meet his appointment with destiny and become the historical No I, will rank among the also-rans with Melior.

All of sport is pushing back boundaries. Professionalism, both in money and attitude, has dragged the unattainable into the daily marketplace but the sport of National Hunt



Mellor is led into the winner's enclosure aboard Ouzo at Nottingham in December 1971 after becoming the first jockey to ride 1,000 winners

seems to be undergoing particular and prolonged revolution. No record is safe. In 1978, when Jonjo O'Neill completed a season with 149 winners, we all sighed with the self-importance of witnesses to something indelible. Yet by 1989, Peter Scudamore was riding 221 in a season.

That same year, the trainers' championship underwent such an astonishing change of pace that it would never be the same. In 1987-88, David Elsworth won the title with 50 winners: 12 months later, the champion's total of winners was 208. His name, of course,

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was Pipe and he was to be the most active catalyst for all that has altered in the sport. "The biggest change," Mel-

lor mused thoughtfully, "is that there was nobody like Martin Pipe in my day. He has challenged so much." As the accepted conventions of training have been abandoned, first by Pipe and later, imitatively, by many of his peers, so the lifestyle and expectations of jockeys have been transformed. His own jockeys have become guaranteed champions, so long as they could stomach the pace of life, and others have reacted

with competitive aggression, sparing nothing and nobody in the search for winners.

Mellor, who still trains a small string near Swindon, bears none of the grudges that sit uncomfortably on so many whose deeds are turned to sepia. "I have nothing against the modern way at all but it's so different. I rode in a wonderful time, with great characters as colleagues, but we didn't approach it in the same way.

"Youngsters get more oppor-

"Youngsters get more opportunities these days, thanks to the conditional jockeys' scheme, and horses are better schooled before they get to the racecourse. Then there are videos, through which jockeys will watch themselves and improve their methods. But the biggest change has come through the agents.

"Nobody thought about having an agent when I rode and it wasn't even done to ring up trainers for rides. There was only one who did so regularly, Tim Molony, and we all called him Telephone Tim. Generally, we were like wallflowers, sitting around and waiting to be asked."

Thirty years ago, when Mellor was champion jockey for the first time, he node just 68 winners. Upwards of ten jockeys will ride more than that this season and while videos, agents, increased fixtures and improved travel have all played their part, the greatest factor is an altered

Every generation will look on their successors with a patronising pity. It happens in all walks of life. Mellor and his pals, such as Terry Biddlecombe and Jeff King, approached life and work in a cavalier way that was already obsolete when Scudamore began his years of domination. Now, another discernible

gear-shift has ushered in McCoy. Scudamore was at Newton Abbot on Saturday, wearing the benign smile of one reconciled to the rewriting of his own little piece of history. Briefly, like Mellor, he had deceived himself that his record would stand forever but now he sees the folly of the

thought. In his time, Scudamore was considered an iceman, single-minded in his dedication to number crunching, yet he observes those who ride now and sees it is different again. For that reason, he doubts that Dunwoody will linger long once the record is his, for already he is a generation apart.

Needing three more winners to satisfy the posse of photographers and history-seekers who had made the pilgrimage to South Devon, Dunwoody rode just one on Saturday. For the sake of credibility, perhaps it was as well, for there had been the sobering prospect of National Hunt's proudest record being equalled in a selling chase and beaten in the concluding bumper. Instead, the show rolls lucratively on to Wincanton today.

unwoody is enjoy-ing the attention. and the perversity of the wait, but he knows that a peep over his shoulder espies the fanatical McCoy, already halfway to the record after only five seasons. Much the most memorable sight of Saturday was McCoy riding Belle D'Orsini for Pipe, his saddle slipped forward so far after the second hurdle that it seemed he must pull up. Instead, balanced precariously, he pushed and shoved demonically to finish third.

Dunwoody marvelled with the rest of us; he knows his time at the top may be limited. An hour later, Paul Nicholls, the latest challenger to Pipe's supremacy. stood in the winner's enclosure basking in the fulfilment of breaking fl million in prize-money. When, he was asked, did he think it was possible? "Never," he said cheerfully. In this sport, however, we should never say never again.

# Struggles Glory shines in winning return

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

WITH many top pointers progressing to National Hum racing this season — Grand National favourite. Double Thriller, among them — the return of Struggles Glory at the Ashford Valley meeting on Saturday was significant.

Struggles Glory missed last

Struggles Glory missed last season through injury but was a brilliant novice in 1997 and showed that he retained the talent with an emphatic victory over three rivals in the Land Rover qualifier at odds of 64, "I didn't intend to make so much use of him but they could never get to us," was the assessment of David Robinson, his rider.

The Parish Pump (9-4) overcame a similarly lengthy period on the sidelines when winning at the Vale Of Lune, providing Richard Ford with his first victory for two seasons, Referring to his wife, Carrie, who trains The Parish Pump, Ford said: "She's done unbelievably well to get the horse back to health."

The highlight at the Ledbury meeting was the duel between Camp Bank and Down The Mine in the mixed open. Alison Dare attempted to make all on Down The Mine but his 7lb penalty, and a mistake at the last, helped Camp Bank (evens) to victory by a length. The winner formed part of a double for Julian Princhard but Adrian Winde, 23, managed his first treble, on Black Serene (8-1). Sally's Twins (5-4) and Jolly Jack (8-1).

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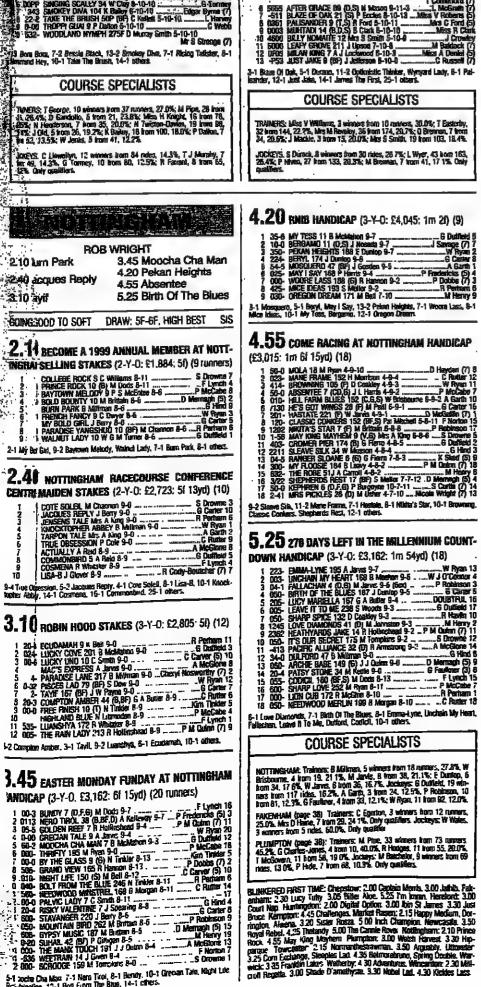
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Just Jake, 14-1 James The First, 25-1 others.	P NO SPACE ASSAUT 118 & Highbord S. L.L. C. Honover (7)
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2.00 SPRINGTIME SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,926; 2m 110yd) (10 runners)
1 009- BILLY BOX 20F (D.6) i Balding 7-11-10
4 3-09 DIGITAL OPTION 28F (V) Mrs. Macanley 5-11-2 M. Richards 5 0530 FORESTRY 31 M. Webbson 5-11-2 J. P. Korvarsch 1 2000 PANOUNAS LIDRO 21 J. Webbson 15-11-0 E. Callegran 7 PGD4 TE BREAK 12 (S) J. Joseph 4-10-11 J. J. Goldstein (3)
8 3405 CAPSOFF 12 (V) 6 highbard 6-10-8
5-2 BBly Box, 9-2 Panouras Lord, 5-1 Capsoft, 6-1 Multi Franchise, Tie Break, 7-1 Dighel Option, 10-1 Forestry, 25-1 others.
2.30 MAGPAS NOVICES CHASE (E3,136: 2m 4l 110yd) (7)
1 05-1 CHARLEY LAMBERT 178 (0.F.6) J Mackle 8-11-7 E Calaghan 2 0-PF BELVENTO 13 J Strord 7-11-1 J R Kavarragh 3 ROOP CHARLESAMDARLIN 9 (1.6) Mrs B Waring 8-11-1 E Byrns 4 05PP EAU BENTE 84 H Collingridge 8-11-1
6 UAS4 VIGNE ROD 12 (6) M Whiteon 7-11-1 _ Lig R Fontsal (5) 7 32L2 WINSFORD HLL, 12 (0,F,S) / Wilters 8-11-1 , J Goldstein (3)
3.00 HUNTINGDON ASSOCIATION OF TOURISM
MAINEN HIERNI F (52 062: 2m 5f 110ml) (11)
2 1-5P BAILE AN DAINGEN 121 (\$) O Sterwood 6-11-3 6 Baines (7) 3 0-60 BARAN ITSU 47 K Burte 5-11-3 Michael Bremian 4 0 BRN ST JAMES 25 (8) N Henderson 5-11-3 J R Kavenach 5 0-0P KNYENNEN 123 K Clariesboot 6-11-3 M GARRIES (5)
1 5214 ARDFINNAN AI (BP) Mrs. J Pinnas 6-11-3
11 MAR, SHOT 170F Mrs E Heath 4-10-10
3.30 HUGO BEVAN 25TH ANNIVERSARY
HANDICAP CHASE (£4,288; 3m) (10)
1 2-01 BAS DE LAINE 38 (F.G.S) Mrs P Teiley 13-12-0 M Richards 2 /5-P MR PRESIDENT 66 (D.G.S) V Soone (D-11-2 V Statistry 3 2011 SEARPOOK L/O 12 (D.F.G.S) C Mortock B-10-13 J R Kavanaph 4 311- PERSAM VIEW 510 (D.F.G.S) N Babbage 9-10-13 D Rood 5 UDPS CEDAR SOUME 19 (B.F.G.F.S) V Darball B-10-10 . Mr C Bonner 6 4331 SCRIET BIO 17 (D.F.B.) R Amer 9-10-10 . Mr C Bonner 7 2235 SWING QUARTET 39 (D.F.G.) N Terston-Ogwies 9-10-4 6 Griffond (D.F.G.) N Terston-Ogwies 9-10-4
7 2235 SWING CLUAFFET 39 (D.F.G.) IN Terston-Davies 9-10-4 Goldstein (3)  8 DTES FILEBOLEY 12 (D.D.F.G.S.) G Hatbard 9-10-3 Michael Brannan  9 F-FO (DGLL 138 (C.F.) K Bolley 9-10-0
2-1 Septrops Lad, 4-1 Swing Duartet, 6-1 Persian View, 13-2 Bas De Laine, Secret Bid, 7-1 Hi Hedley, 14-1 Cadar Square, 33-1 others.
4.05 HOBBLING HUGO HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,542: 2m 5f 110yd) (10) 1 0012 FESCOT 13 (SF.C.D.F.G) C Morisch 7-11-10J R Kevanagh
3 11/P SCOUNDREL 74 (T.P. 4 Judies 8-11-3 Michael Brennen 3 11/P SCOUNDREL 74 (T.P. 4 Judies 8-11-3 V Statlery 4 4455 TWO TO TAMED 13 (E.) I Treatment 5 11-3 Socision 5 11-3 Therefore 5 1255 PRAIRE MINSTRIP. 52 (F.S.) R Dicken 5-11-9 A Therefore
5 0255 PRAIRIE MINSTREL 52 (F.S) R Dicken 5-10-9 A Thombon 6 4540 CLARIES DANCER 16 (B.F) A Tomet B-10-7 M Richards 7 2-00 TRAIDARN 12 D Gandollo F-10-5 M Griffiths (5) B 5550 LAUGHING FONTAINE 97 (T.E) K Bailey 9-10-9 M R R Fontstal (5) 9 100- MAGGIE STRAIT 320 (F) Mrs A King 7-10-0 L O'Hark 10 -PPO MILZIG 49 (F) J Joseph 10-10-0 E Callaghen
10 -PPO MRZIG 49 (P) J Joseph 10-18-0
4.35 'BEVAN BLIND PANIC' NOVICES HANDICAP
1 331U 10FR SUK 70 (0.6.5) P R Welber 5-12-0
2 USBS 7 (CALEFOR ) A TUTION (1-1-3 ) BOURSHIM (3) 3 5542 (2AHD 47 (T.D.F) K Burls 6-10-12
5-2 Zated, 7-2 Torn Svik, 4-1 Cerne On Perny, 5-1 Tree Craeper, 11-2 others.
5.05 EASTERTIDE MAIDEN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,882 2m 110yd) (19)
1 DO BALMORAL SPRING 104 K Baley 6-11-6 Mr R Forrista (5) 2 BEALFORT ZERO 65 N Handerson 5-11-6 J R Kavanagin 3 CHASING BALEY'S C Gard 5-11-6 C Saggster (7) 4 GENERAL CUSTER A Tunel 5-11-6 C Saggster (7) 5 D GO MAN 37 P Evens 6-11-6 Mr A Evens (7) 6 A LOY PIN 27 G Instruction
5 D GO MAN 37 P Event & 11-6 Mr A Finans (7) 6 E SAY BOB 17 G Iveltoxed 6-11-5 Michael Brennon 7 JUST A TAO T D McCarthy 8-11-6 Michael Brennon 8 D1 MATIVE TRUMP 579 (5) G Mortiock 5-11-6 B Bained (7) 9 D SPACE AGENT 118 G Hubbard 5-11-6 C Honour (7) 10 364 TURED 17 J Dunkton 5-11-6 Mir H Dunkop (7) 11 4 WUNJU 32 N Thriston-Davies 5-11-8 Mir Goldstein (3) 12 MACHIGHT FOOL T Clearment 6-11-1 Mir Griffins (5) 13 DLES GERL R N Bond 5-11-1 Mir Griffins (5)
9 00 SFALE RISEN TO 9 FIGURE 5 91140 Mr H Dunitop (7) 10 364 TURIED 17 JURINO 5-11-6 Mr H Dunitop (7) 11 4 WUNDO 32 N Trission-Daves 5-11-6 JGOISSEN (3) 12 MICHIGHT FOOL T Clement 6-11-1 JGOISSEN (3) 13 OLE'S GRILL R N Beynd 5-11-1 M Griffins (5)
15 20 MISTER GRAHAM 44 (BF) P R Webber 4-11-0 A Thomson
17 YOSHI'S ISLAND H Collingrisge 4-11-0 Mr V Stationy 18 DE CHELLY P R Webber 4-10-9 Mr V Coopen (7) 19 3 LADY BUSTED 35 (BP) J Northu 4-10-9 M Richards 3-1 Wasig, 11-2 Beautor Zero, Toreo, 13-2 Lady Busted, 8-1 Experi
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5 KE BRANDAN SCHADO 6 MANASON 8-11
4-1 Cotton House, Layan, 9-2 Dramond Promse, 5-1 Nithrannen Sound, 7-1 Bra- no Terp Zero, 8-1 Soutime, 12-1 Xcaret, 14-1 others.
2.30 EASTER EGG MAIDEN STAKES
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5.20 EASTER HANDICAP (£3,052: 50) (18)

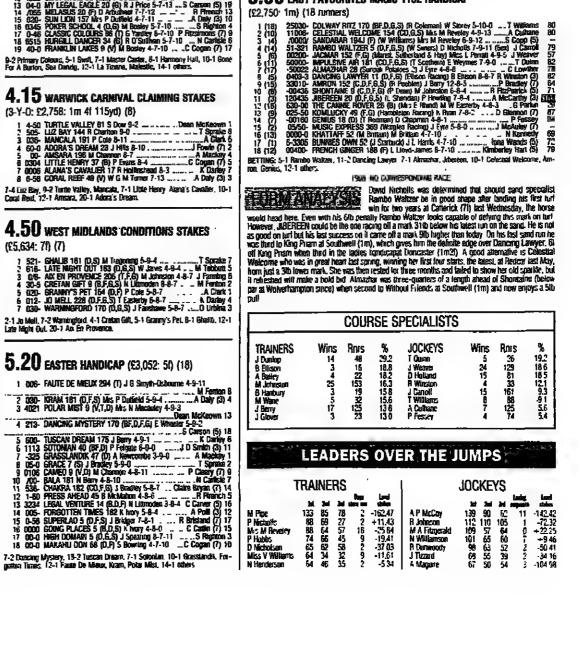
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GOING: GOOD	GOING. GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES)  DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
2.15 'PAY AND PLAY GOLF' SELLING HURDLE  (£1,660: 2m 11 110yd) (9)  1 1331 LEGENO OF LOVE 13 (T,CD,S) B Llewellyn 4-11-8  M H Naughton (5)	2.15 BEST MUSIC METRO FM NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-0: \$3,048: 5f) (9 runners)
2 -240 HAPPY MEDILM 39F (V) G Forest 6-11-0 C Rafter (7) 3 666P OUR MAN RUN 94 (0) Mar A F Johnson 6-11-0 A Magnaton 6 5 PCTB PERFECT 40 (V) Mr. S Lampron 5-11-0 G Lee POU WRITUS 17F (7) M Crapman 6-11-0 W Worthington 6 0-00 MRY LEADER 135 V Thompson 6-10-9 Mr M Thompson 7 0 CAMPUNE 40 M Tomplor, 4-10-8 D Yestowless (7) 8 00 DORRONGTOM 7 (V) 8 Bargh 4-10-8 A S Smath 9 ALWEMA 81F (V) A Sheeter 4-10-3 A S Smath 9 ALWEMA 81F (V) A Sheeter 4-10-3 1 Day 4-7 Legeed OI Love, 9-2 Happy Medium, 10-1 Our Man Film, 14-1 othes.	1 (1) 1 CHINO 10 (D.S) (7 SERBUCK) I L MARIC 9-0 R Winston (3) 32 (4) ABEST MUSIC METROPA (1 Castle) D Eduy 8-12 R REPROFICE (5) 3 (3) GAPTH POOL 14 LOG Motorn) 2641,8 -12 J Weaver 4 (6) 5 MASTER FALS (Mr. 2) Hill; M Cramon 8-12 T Cunn 34 5 (3) 4 RATHOLOGHERMOARDER 10 (C Da bry A Ryan 8-12 A MCCartry (3) 16 (7) BERE DE CHAM (Lovely Buchly Report) 27 (2) Love 8-7 C L Commer 7 (5) FEZ (Sali of Busington) M Jermston 8-7 D Holland 8 (9) D4 FOREST OUERD 6 (P Coope) 1 A Hogo 8-7 D Holland 9 (2) NATSMAGRIL (D 8 A Yakes) M Yane 8-7 J Carroll BETTRIS, 3-1 Garth Pool 4-1 Fez 9-2 Chaio, 5-1 Rathologherutance, 8-1 Maclas Fay, 10-1 Bette de Chem Forest Ouerd, 14-7 others 1998, PRINCIPALITY 8-12 & Darley (4-9 kay) J Berry 6 ran
2.45 GEOFFREY BOOTH MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£3,977: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)  1 4882 PORNIC 14 (£,5) M Hammond 5-12-2	Chiso already has a win on the board after tending a seller at Doncaster (holds fourth-placed Rathcloghendancer), but at the board after tending a seller at Doncaster (holds fourth-placed Rathcloghendancer), but at the board and the seller at Doncaster (holds fourth-placed Rathcloghendancer), but at the board at the seller at Police to a partiest about a smaller amount of about a white amount of a holds where the land seller at Police tone. He may shuggle to contain the Mark Johnston-trained debutant FEZ, whose sale at Folkestone. He may shuggle to contain the Mark Johnston-trained debutant FEZ, whose sale at Folkestone. He may shuggle to contain the Mark Johnston-trained debutant FEZ, whose sale at Folkestone. He may shuggle to contain the Mark Johnston-trained debutant FEZ, whose sale at Folkestone. He may shuggle to contain the Mark Johnston-trained debutant FEZ, whose sale at Folkestone He may shuggle to contain the Mark Johnston-trained debutant FEZ. whose sale at Folkestone He may shuggle to contain the Mark Johnston-trained debutant FEZ. whose sale at Folkestone He may shuggle to contain the Mark Johnston-trained debutant FEZ. whose sale at Folkestone He may shuggle to contain the Mark Johnston-trained debutant FEZ. whose sale at Folkestone He may shuggle to contain the Mark Johnston-trained debutant FEZ. whose sale at Folkestone He may shuggle to contain the Mark Johnston-trained debutant fez.
3.20 CARAVAN & CAMPING SITE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,999; 2m 3f 110yd) (9)  1 M2 STAY WITH ME 655 (C.F.G.S) C Egeran B-11-11 Sophia Mitchell 2 1230 ALZOOMO 11F (F.BF.G.) J Glove 7-11-9	(£3,648: 5f) (14 IUSTNers)  1 (9) 06223- CAUDA EQUINA 168 (D.F.Q.S) (M Fey) M Chamon 5-10-0 T Quinn 88 (21) 0563-0 MUNISQ PARIL 6 (CD.F.Q.S) (M* H CA) M Dodd: 5-9 12 Wesser 90 (3 2) 145-00 PIGEON 10 (D.F.Q.S.) (M* H CA) M Dodd: 5-9 12 Wesser 90 (3 2) 145-00 PIGEON 10 (D.F.Q.S.) (P Savil) N Tables 6-9-5 T Quinn 6 (4 0) 0033-0 GORETSIG 6 (D.F.Q.S.) (P Savil) N Tables 6-9-5 D Carroll 10 5 (3 0) 0004-DAMRT 154 (D.S.) (Bacetong Parmerschip) D Micholle 6-9-5 P Clarke (7) 107 6 (10) MODD. D'MARTH 154 (D.S.) (Bacetong Parmerschip) D Micholle 6-9-5 P Clarke (7) 107 6 (10) MODD. D'MARTH 154 (D.S.) (Savin; M W Exercity 3-9-10 T Lucas 74 8 (11) 5018-4 MOET 28 (G) (M*s K Vinzon) 1 Frie 4-8-7 C Lowber 90 (5) 85560. STATIOTORN (93 (D.F.) (For 4-8-7) Mirroberty Hart (5) 90 (10) MODD. MILL END CUEST (65 (D.G.) (W Alignot) M W Exercity 4-9-2 G Parkin 12 (12) 04000- MILL END CUEST (65 (D.G.) (W Alignot) M W Exercity 4-9-2 G Parkin 12 (12) 0260-0 SEALED BY FATE 6 (B) (M Harron) J Wazarangti 4-7-13 J McAusy (7) 83 13 (5) 211300 MIKARRAB 6 (D.G.) (A Ametange) D Chapman 5-7-12 P Pessey 115 (13) 0-0264 SEA COTTAGE 6 (B.D.F.) (M*s W Watandse) R Bactonian 7-7-10 A N Kennedy 30 1000 M M M M M M M M M M M M M M M M M
3.55 VICTOR LUCAS MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,925; 2m 1/ 110yd) (7)  1 1111 OSCAL AN DORAS 30 (F.G.S) F Murphy 10-11-13. A Magure 2 311- AVANTI EXPRESS 345 (B.CO.S.S) C Express 9-11-12 3 1352 XAIPETE 6 (D.F.G.S) N MESON 7-11-2 4 3040 MON VINTAGE 20 (D.G.S) M Chapman 8-10-12 W Worthington 5 P131 BOULEVAND BAY 16 (D.G.S) Ms. P Robers 8-10-10 A S Smith 6 1212 COOL SPOT 24 (CD.S) G Enright 11-10-9  - 3224 MSS PERNYMLL 16 (B.G) A Solik 6-10-0 D A Mickenphin (7) 7-2 Ocasi An Odrac, 4-1 Avand Express, 9-2 Boulevard Bay, 5-1 Cool Soul, 6-1	1998 MUNGO PARK 4-9-4 J Forame (7-2) Mrs J Ramsden 9 ran  Cauda Equina was a decent fourth in this race tect year and with his stable in form is carpable of a bold show. He ran well off this mail here on his final card tact learn (6f) behind Blush- ing Grenader Mungo Park won this 12 months ago when rained by Mrs Ramsden but must run off a 13th higher mark and did not like over course and destance lest Tuesday. Himmer GORETSU, in- fireshed a short-head in from of time, van as if the enting would put him spot on Nigel Trikler's tough so-year-old, a four-time scorer at this trip last term, has returned to a winning mark. Six Cottage (nourth), Muldanah (10th) and Seated by Fate (13th) also ran in that contest last week. Six Cottage had two and half fengitis in hand of Goretski but was fit from an All-Weather campaign and may well not confirm the imm. Zubhar is make investing on his first start for Dawd Nismills. He reas bought out of Donald McCain's yard for 11,000 gris after Investing fourth to Nicholity's Strati on Wolveshampton's sand (6i) last October
### A 30 EASTER MONDAY NH NOVICES HURDLE  (£3.272: 2m 3l 110yd) (13)  1 1122 HOT 'N SAICY 9 (S) J Tock 7-11-7	3.20 JOHN BARRAS HANDICAP  (E3,778: 71) (17 IUNINE'S)  (E3,778: 77) (18 Easiery 7-10-0)  (E3,778: 77) (19 Easiery 8-10-0)  (E3,778:
5.00 WEST LINDSEY EASTER CUP (NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE) (£3,755: 3m 1f) (10)  1 P3-4 PEACEMAKER 135 (f) Mrs 0 Hains 7-11-10 A Magains 2 -P31 WREN WARBLER 19 (5) Mrs P Robeson 9-11-7 A 8 Smith 3 232F BLAZING STORM 45 (8.6) C Egeson 7-10-13 Josephia Mitghel 4 3P31 HOWYOGROUNG 7 (0.5) S Koltiwed 9-10-13 (7ea) Horrocks (3) 4 S33 FALCON'S PLAME 18 V Thompson 6-10-7 In The Thompson 6 010P THRITY BELOW 88 (DD.F.6) M Clayman 10-10-5 S Lee 7 P532 KENTUCKY EDLD 13 (0.6,5) Mrs L Williamson 10-10-5 S Lee Mrs D Sherlock	The interesting runne is Suleyman, who makes he debut for limit of Nobel's Red Season Leads on the All-Meether, opening Chaillon's year for 12-500 gas after the first start. It be followed the lead of Nobel's record, he could have improved mought to make body's man of 64 look generous. Reside firem both Annapard of leads and of the first start. It be followed the heard of Nobel's records he could have the first start. It be followed the heard of Nobel's records he can admit a law in most may be record the small of Heart of Red
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MATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,567: 1m 5½1) (14)  1 OBELSK 18 (£0.5) W Heigh 5-11-11	8 (1) SALLY HOPPER (Miss of Joughar) J J O'Neril 8-9
OURSE SPECIALISTS  TRANSPS. J Novike, 4 winners iron 14 numers, 28.6%; C Egerton, 5 from 19, 26.3%; Mrs M Reveloy, 23 from 104, 22.1%. J Jelies so, 6 from 33, 18.2%, Mrs S Lamyrani, 6 from 35, 17.1%. A Streets, 4 from 27, 14.3%, 6 from 35, 27.0%; Mrs M Reveloy, 23 from 107, 22.1%. A Streets, 11 from 35, 2006; S. T. Siddall, 4 winners from 17 ndes, 23.5%, A Megune, 11 from 55, 22.0%; Mrs H Maughton, 3 from 21, 14.3%, R Wilkinson, 3 from 28, 10.7%; A 5 Smith, 14 from 137, 10.2%. Only quaphiers.	4.25 SARAH JANE ANDERSON MARDEN STAKES  (£3,599: 1m 4f 93yd) (9 runners)  1 (2) ENBORNE 19J (frible 6 DA Racing Syndicate) D Barlet 4-9-12 T Walliams 1 (3) DUNNATE 110 (8 Hambury) B Hambury 4-9-12
\$\begin{align*} \begin{align*} \begi	John Dunlog has made a quick start to his season and FNAN should land his double. From has starming in his pediginee and it is no surprise to see him being sent over this trip after being unable to get into the argument in the Doncaster handicap (Lim2) won by Kingston Ventura Murril showed some promise until buting quickly 21 out in a Kempton maden (71). He has not been seen since but, after going through the sales at 11.000 gns, has returned to Ben Hanbury. Well-bred Enborne, from the lamily of Kirs and Diesis, has shown good form in bumpers, winning at Newcastle in January. He never got into the Cheltenham Bumper and his temperament is beginning to foot suspect. Donnares is a Sadier's Wells brother to winning hurdler Rosencrants, white Pancaster Wood is a son of Saddler's Hall from a winner-producing family on the Flat and over hurdles.
For A Burton, Sea Danzig, 12-1 La Tizana, Majestic, 14-1 otters.	5.00 EASY FAVOURITES MAGIC 1152 HANDICAP  (£2,750* 1m) (18 runners)  1 (18) 25030- COLWAY RITZ 170 (BF.D.G.S) (R Coleman) W Strey 5-10-0 T Williams 80 (10) 11006- CELESTIAL WELCOME 154 (CD.G.S) Mis M Reveley 4-9-13 A Cultane 80 (10) 14006 SANDARAR 1941 (F) (N Williams) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-12 S Coop (5) 4 (14) 5-1-32! RAMBO WALTER 5 (P.F.G.S) (N Smers) D Nichols 7-9-11 (feet) J Camol 79 (5) (10) 1-3000- MPCLINE AR 181 (CD.F.G.S) (N Smers) D Nichols 7-9-11 (feet) J Camol 79 (17) 50000- MPCLINE AR 181 (CD.F.G.S) (T Sophens) E Weymer 7-9-0 T Dism 82 (7) 50000- MPCLINE AR 181 (CD.F.G.S) (T Sophens) E Weymer 7-9-0 T Dism 82 (17) 50000- MPCLINE AR 181 (CD.F.G.S) (T Sophens) E Weymer 7-9-0 T Dism 82 (17) 50000- MPCLINE AR 29 (Surpair Potatoes 3) J Eyre 4-8-8 E Lowither 78 (17) 50000- MPCLINE ARWING 13 (CD.F.G.S) (R Peobley J Berry 12-8-5
4.15 WARWICK CARNIVAL CLAHMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,758: 1m 4f 115yd) (8)  1.450 TURTLE VALLEY 81 S Dow 9-2	14 (7) - 00160 SEMIUS 18 (0) if Redman) O Chapman 4-8-1
4.50 WEST MIDLANDS CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,634: 7f) (7)  1 521- GHALIB 181 (D.S.) M Tregoring 5-9-4	Rambo Waltzer be in good strape after landing his first furt win for two years at Catherick (7) last Wednesday, the horse would head here. Even with his 60 penality Rambo Waltzer looks capable of derying this mark on furthowever. JABEREEN could be the one racing oil a mark 31 to below his latest run on the sand. He is not as good on furt but his last success on it came off a mark 9th higher than boday. On his fast sand run he was thad to King Piram at Southwell (1m), which gives him the definite edge over Dancing Lawyer. Given fixing Piram when third in the ladies translugate boncaster (1m2). A good atternative is Celestial Welcome who was in great heart last spring, winning her first four starts, the latest, at Redicar last May, horn just a 3th lower mark. Ser was then rested to the emorths and lated to show her old sparke, hor in reference will make a hold but Almazhar was time-quanters of a length ahead of Shontaine (below par at Wolverhampton since) when second to Without Filends at Southwell (1m) and now enjoys a 5th
5 020. GRAMMYS PET 164 (0.5) P Cote 5-8-7 A Clark 1 6 012- JO MELL 228 (D.F.G. 5) T Easterty 6-8-7 A Darby 4 7 030- WARNINGFORD 170 (D.G. 5) J Farstower 5-8-7 O Urbina 3 2-1 Jo Mell 7-2 Warmingford. 4-1 Cretan Gift, 5-1 Granny's Pet. 8-1 Ghallb, 12-1 Late Might Out. 20-7 An En Provence.	COURSE SPECIALISTS  TRAINERS Wins Roys % JOCKEYS Wins Roys %



**RACING:** INJURY TO BIONIC LEAVES MOIAVA AS FAVOURITE FOR 1,000 GUINEAS

# Head girl leads class of '99

By CHRIS McGrath

IT IS tempting to detect an admonishment for ante-post punters in a week of classic trials which begins in France on Friday with the Prix Imprudence. Moiava will go to Maisons-Laffitte to defend favouritism for the Sagitta 1,000 Guineas, though the sad fact - indeed, in the case of Bint Allayl, the tragic fact - is that she would fare better than the fillies who have surrendered that status merely by getting down to the start.

Bionic, promoted to favour-ite after the cruel loss of Bint Allayi, has in turn been scratched from the betting after pulling up lame during exercise on Saturday morning. Henry Cecil fears that she may have sustained a minor fracture of her pelvis, rendering her idle for around a dozen weeks. This would be an unworthy blow to a trainer whose genius was already being vexed by her fragile feet.

Though rated by Kieren Fallon as gifted a juvenile filly as he has ridden, Bionic has been restricted by various problems to just one public appearance, when sprinting away with a maiden last Goodwood

The Tote now hands the poisoned chalice to Moiava, who is 5-1 favourite. Criquette Head, her trainer, has a fine record in the 1,000 Guineas and was adamant. after Juvenia scrambled home in the Prix Marcel Boussac on Arc day, that she preferred the



Bering filly made all in two races, on extremes of ground, over the Prix Imprudence course and distance last

autumn She will be confronted in her dress rehearsal by Blue Cloud, trained by André Fabre and something of a springer in the market in recent days. Blue Cloud, a Nashwan halfsister to the top-class Bigstone. finished fast when third in the

ment for a winter in the desert. Godolphin has denied suggestions that she, too, is threaten-Marcel Boussac ing to succumb to the air of The Tote's 7-1 second favourdoom pervading the leading

intriguing prospect as a juve-

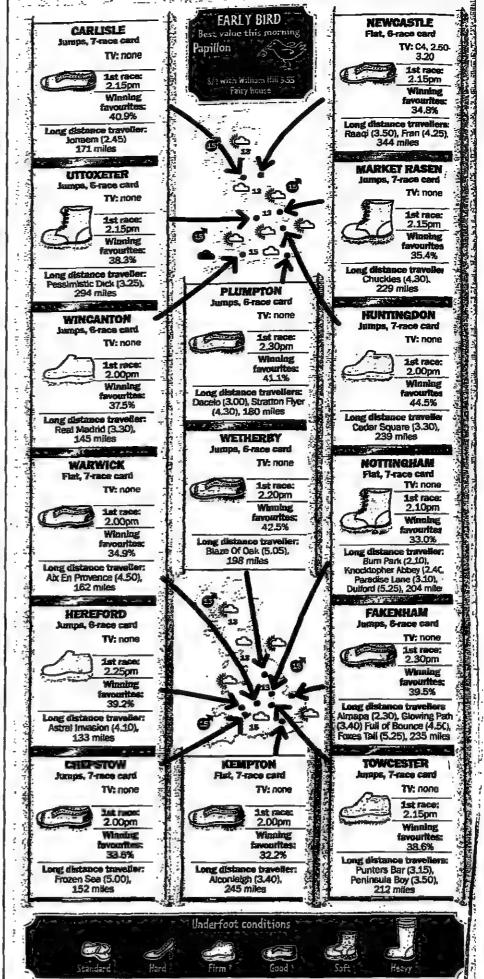
nile, even before her recruit-

No firm pecking order will be established, anyway, until its own discreet trials at Nad al Sheba this weekend. Sunspangled, game winner of the Ascot Fillies' Mile for Aidan O'Brien, is quoted next at 9-1, followed at 10-1 by Blue Cloud.

Epsom, rather than Newmarket, was the classic venue on John Dunlop's mind after Claxon beat her stablemate, Alabaq, in the Milcars Masaka Stakes at Kempton on Saturday. The Arundel trainer, whose horses have begun the new season in such terrific form, will step Claxon up to ten furlongs for a Vodalone Oaks trial Mujahid, his Sagitta 2000 Guineas favourite heads for the City Index Craven Stakes at Newmarket next week, unless diverted to the Greenham Stakes at New-

bury by fast ground. On the same Kempton card, Glamis preserved John Gosden's Vodafone Derby ambitions by contributing to a treble for Frankie Dettori. The Italian is showing renewed purpose in trying to wrest back the championship from Fallon, though the most impressive declaration of intent has come from Richard Quinn.

Four winners at Haydock sustained his flying start as a freelance, after a long association with Paul Cole. Quinn is openly advising Fallon to look to his laurels, but his credentials, not to mention those of Denori and even Jimmy Fortune, have not yet deceived bookmakers that there is a title race worth pricing up.



### KEMPTON PARK

2.00 Oriental 2.35 To The Roof

3.40 PANTAR (nap) 4.10 Easter Ogil 4.45 Stormy Skye

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.40 SUPREME SOUND.

Our Newmarket correspondent: 2.00 ORIENTAL (nap). 2.35 Kumart. 3.40 Monsajem.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

103 (12) 0-0432 6000 TIMES 74 (COLEF,F.G.S) (Max O Robinson) B Hall \_\_\_\_\_\_9-10-0 B West (4) St

Racecard number, Draw in brackets, Su-ligans form (F - left, P - puilled up, U - passated rider, 8 - brought down, S - stopped up, R - refused, D - desqualitied), House's name, Days show lock octing; J If furgue, (B - binders, V - vistr. T - broque stag, H - hood, E - Eyesheld, C -courst winner, D - distance winner, CD course

must recent cace). Going on which have be must recent cace). Going on which have be must fire firm, good to flow, hard. G. - good. S - not, good to solt, beavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Ague and weight to be carried. Ridde plus any allowance. Threetexper's speed

2.00 FLAT SEASON MEMBERSHIP FOR £105' MADEN STAKES (Div I: £3,225: 7f) (13 runners)

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G Harmon (7) 1998: QUEEN OF SCOTLANO 3-8-8 Caply Monts (10-1) M Channo 12 nm

1998: QUEEN OF SCOTLAND 3-8-8 Cardy Mords (10-1) M Chammo 12 and
A trappy opered with lew raccounts claes to act on, Luzern, a
notable booking for crack French rider Officer Pestient, boeds
the heat form and should find a race jodged on his times offorts in maidens lest year, the pick heling a length third to Undeberred and Intimes at Yammodh (67) in
August, Eight (10th of 15 in the York maiden (67) won by Stumbering), Grand Somel, (highly held on
his debut botherd Mutavalif at Ascod (77)), and Legal Set (showed promise his two starts in Neumarnies
maidens) are also clearly not without ability, but this may well go in one of the five newcomes. Of the
quintel, the John Gosdan-trained ORJENTAL makes most appeal. An inchinor half-brother to three wiomes, including the useful miler Yeas, he respressors a stable fixel clicked into goer on Saturday with
the Kernpton trifles of Claims and Tactful Remark, Sardal, by Guich but already gelded, and Ed Duntop's Cuttle increatible are ones to watch in the betting.

2.35 CHAIL CONDITIONS STAKES (E5,671: 60) (9)

201 (4) 0316-0 ASTRAC 17 (0)F,S) (1 Beecrott) D Nicholts 8-9-7 Alex Grouves 102
202 (1) 03144- KIMAAT 181 (0)E,S) (M 2 Methodorf) E Dunlop 5-9-7 R 180s 118
203 (2) 5030-3 ALWAYS AND T 9 (0)FS) (A Methodorf) E Dunlop 5-9-7 R 180s 118
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A race restricted to borses who have not won a Pattern race alter 1997, the year in which Coastal Bluff copped his riss through the ranks when he dead-heated for the Group 1 Munthorpe States at York. He has since suffered physical problems and, sold out of David Banon's stable for 17.000ges last October, is probably best watched on his debut for Nick Litmoden. TO THE ROOF looks a more reliable proposition. A consistent sort in handlages, he is not lar stry of Group standard and showed his present webtinging when insafring under two lengths soft of 17 to Night Shot off a mark of 105 at Dorcaster 11 days ago. Brave Edge can be watched on his occasion with Rechard amon's horses yet to sperk, and Kuntald appears more of a threat. His trainer. Ed Dundon, got off the mark for the season on Saturday and his son of Danzig had the selection (now 5th better) 1% lengths back in second when wholing at Yamposth (61) in September.

3.05 MAGNOLIA STAKES (LISTED) (£13,680: 1m 2l) (8) 

BETTING: 7-4 Generus, Rosi, 4-1 Muttalel, 9-2 Dower House, Royal Amaretto, 14-1 others. 1998: GARUDA 4-6-17 Pat Eddery (3-7 Jl tay) J Demiog 6 ran 1998: GARUDA 4-6-11 Pat Eddery (3-1 ) I key J Domlog 6 ran

Early starmishes this new season suggest from Dunlog and Brian Aleehan have freir horses well lorward and in line lettle and
file two look to saddle the chief protagoaists here in GENEROUS ROSS and hope A rivation, with preference being by the lormer. The winner of a Newmantel maiden lest July, the lour-year-old had the misistrature of inding one too good on each of his other sevenstarts test year, most recently at Headquarters when going down by a tength to his full crother Genercius Libra. Royal Amaretto, a winner on his responsance in 1997; failed to add to his tally in lour
starts lest season, but showed that he retains plenty of ability when third, beaten two tengths by Happy
Valentine, in the Listed Gala States over course and distance in July, Mohisteld, controversally desqualfied after possing the post first in a 20-humer Donaster handicap (im2) in September, is at theatole
sort but has more on now in this company. Dower House, absent since disappointing last July, would
not be far away it back to the form that saw him win an Epsom handicap off a mark of 95 last June.

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3.40 CORAL ROSEBERY HANDICAP ISHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£21,885: 1m 2f) (20)

1990: AMERICAN WHISPER 4-8-9 C Lowber (12-1) P Harls 16-mi 1993: AMERICAN WHSPER 4-8-8 C (perfex (12-1) P Havis No comPolicity Bount, 2th higher than when signing off with a mate 
account in Rainhow Ways at Neumanted (1nt 45) last October, 
and Cambridgeshire than Penter the last Basising a strong 
land, but this may but to John Dendop and SDMAYDA (year). A visual feat there will have year, secundary problems restricted him to just these further starts, including a two-length breaking of Louisanne 
Deute at Goodwood (1nt 10) in September. He remains open to improvement and is birty weighted him to 
on a 65b bighter mark. Further Challook, placed ware law of windows and a testing weighted him to 
on a 65b bighter mark. Further Challook, placed with Armania Perrell last year, gave a bold showon 
in finishing 11 lat of 24 in the Lincoln (1rm) on his debut to Oraid Nicholls but may be better at that 
shorter big, white Lingsfield Winter Derby water Suprema Sound will do well to day topweight (mark of 102) on this switch back to but. Ermanial Heights, gelded and bestened up after lossing has wey but 
year, and the fightly-raced and unexposed Machaist (Frankto Debut booked) are interesting contendon, white Monsaignmended last year in terrific form (completed double when trothing up in a 0-85 rated states) and carmot be nited out off today's mark (37).

4.10 TRAVELLING THE TURF TRACECOURSE OF THE YEAR' HANDICAP (£4,572: 6f) (23)

BETTING: 6-1 Easter Op.; 7-1 Twoce As Sharps, Passion For Life, 8-1 Deep Space, 16-1 Double (Issue, Alpun Wolf, 12-1 Family Man, 1891, 14-1 others.

1998: MARSAD 4-9-3 T Quien (12-1) J Ainburst 24 Fam

1988: MARSAD 4.9-3 T Quinn (12-1) J Aliebust 24 nm

A principle to light draw looks essential hore, especially as Passan For Life (drawn 23), Alpen Wolf (22), Twice As Swaper Wolf (22), Twice As Swaper Wolf (23), Twice As Swaper Wolf (24), Twice As Swaper Wolf (25), Twice As Swaper Wolf (26), Twice As Swaper or Inciple for the passe. A strong-ran of its sized for REFF, who likes to pounce from off the passe, and the strong in take advantage. He held this form well had swaper and an injuly up to his best when severally in Skica Blanca at Linguistic (7) on his latest appearance. Deep Space is leared most, the restains refaired the presence of the strong of the strong

4.45 be an annual member for 20 per day maiden stakes (3-Y-0: £3.664: 1m 3f 30yd) (13)

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sunder hard lengths third to Senue on his debut at Ledester (7) to October and, with Riberen Fallon in

the saddle, is bound to prove a popular choice. Through The Rye showed entropy—at Accord and

Newmarket respectively— to suggest her with the winning races this term, atthough the looks a less their steps than the selection. Stormy Stoy toked short of speech less season, white Challenges, a

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5.20 FLAT SEASON MEMBERSHIP FOR \$105 MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,209: 7f) (12)

The description of a group street winner at 12, and Reactificryoutspocket, a son of Royal Academy who is a bid brother to winner mile Dance Academy, are amono the oescorners to note in the marks, but it most key to side with experience and SURPRISE ENCOUNTER. He belied odds of 100-1 when a ceditable tenth, of 26, to Machian at Newmarks in September — limitating just a neck behind Dehoush (winner of a listed prize here on Saharday).

COURSE SPECIALISTS Trainers

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Haydock Park Going: soft (good to soft in places)

1.30 1, Seminent (8-13 lav); 2, Paise A Prince (5-2); 3, Marciani (8-1) 4 san. NP: Travelling Clock. 2.00 1, Couldbard (7-1); 2, Ethayo (5-2 tav); 3, Cugina (14-1), 9 ran. sav. 11 ran. 3.30 1. Nowhere To Edit (4-1 p-lav); 2. Moutanhoide (4-1 p-lav); 3. Lake Pippin (23-1), 9 ran.

Kempton Park Going: good (good to firm in places) 2.40 1, Glambs (11-10 lay, Throckespor's log rading); 2, Peace Ol Mind (100-30), 3, J R Steveracut (5-1), 5 tan. 3, Albelair Street 11-4 fev. 14 fen.

4.10 1, Dehound (10-1); 2, Wallace (10-1); 3, Compton Arrow (8-1), Rese A Grand, Tumbhesed Quastet 9-2 (14avs. 11 ran. 4.45 1, Far Cry (7-1); 2, Praine Folcon (16-1); 3, Bruille's Pricle (10-1). Spunice 11-4 lay. 12 can.

Going: good to suit 2.15 1, Turney (11-2); 2, Fantaron (4-1); 3, Berlyvaugten (12-1). Birtidale 4-5 lav. 11

3.20 1, Ardstam (14-1); 2, Pink Gin (20-1); 3, Fall Top (7-2 fas), 9 see. 3.50 1, Jesselbe (15-2); 2, Applic's Daugh-ter (33-1); 3, My Sharandosh (11-2). The Next Watz 4-1 fax. 11 san. Need Wattz 4-1 law. 11 ran. 4.20 1, Starrin Your Mass (9-2 law); 2, Pershands Flyer (9-1); 3, Starrasvogh (9-1), 14 ma. WR: Craigery. 4.33 1, Swittenay (4-1); 2, Northern Union (11-1); 3, Tapping Time (14-1); 4, Masscooth (12-1), Danters Gion 3-1 law. 18 ran.

Newton Abbot

Going: good to soit (soft in pisces) 2.05 1, Anne Girf (5-2 lav); 2. Hilbide Roes (8-1); 3. Selle D'orsmi (3-1), 13 mm. NR: Ga-iota De Ipanems, Rise Abovs, See Fig. roto De Ipanema, Rise Above, See Fig. 2.35 1, Miss Bertsithe (33-1); 2, Sandorari (20-1); 3, Demp Course (2-1 lav); 4, Longstone Lad (6-1), 16 ren. 3.05 1, Grosvenor (7-2); 2, Miss Disteri (12-1); 3, Well Timed (16-1), Alaxestic 2-1 lav, 9 ren. MR: Moorland Hightilyer. 3.35 1, Castile Secret (16-1), 2, Sweel Glow (47-1 lav); 3, The Minder (12-1), 15 ren. MR: Tylo Steamer 4.05 1, Hold Your Ranka (4-1), 2, Gallant Tathy (6-1); 3, Persent Tactics (40-1), Minetal Derty 7-4 lav, 12 ren. MR. Daceto, Manamour, Micher Oddy, Shadhwan. 4.35 1, Mr Perfecte (5-4 lav), 2, Mystik Dav. 4.35 1, Mr Perfecte (5-4 lav), 2, Mystik Dav. 4.35 1, Mr Perfecte (5-4 lav), 2, Mystik Dav. 4.35 1, Mr Perfecte (5-4 lav), 2, Mystik Dav. 4.35 1, Mr Perfecte (5-4 lav), 2, Mystik Dav. arrour, Mister Dody, Shadhrean.
4.35 1, Mr Perfecter (5-4 text, 2, Mystik Day (4-1), 3, Fabon Ridge (100-30), 5 ren. NR
Nris O Three. Optimistic Thinker, Pharly
Real, Thunderpoint, Waykarus Way.
5.16 1, Stand Easy (25-1), 2, Admiral Rose (5-1); 3, Oscood (5-1), Julie's Leader 2-1 law 12 ren. NR, Frosty Belle, Grandpo Mujaron, Happical, Silver Pot Black
5.40 1, Tone Cobbbier (7-2), 2, Fissilval Leader (12-1), 3, It's All Good Fun (100-30 fav), 14 ren. MR, Epitac Profiles, Niskiva Taump.

Plumpton Goling: good to soft (good in places) 2.16 1. Goldes Frem (7-2); 2. Green Jack-et (25-1), 3. Memory's Music (10-1). Durham 5-2 law 14 ran NR: Inchration 3.15 1, Father Kriemes (5-5 lev), 2, Sed-ders floe (5-2); 3, Lightning Star (18-1) 13 am 3.45 1, Reach The Clouds (4-1), 2, Na-mooriai (8-1); 3, Kelly Mac (9-2) Cookeen Hero 7-2 lav 10 mm. 4.15 1, Arburo (5-1); 2. Denogrife (14-1); 3. Meting (5-1) Total Joy 9-4 fev. 11 ran 4.50 1, Nouveeter Cheval (9-4 ji-lay); 2. Johnstons Art (7-1); 3, Insh Option (20-1) Dirty Dozen 9-4 ji-lav. 14 ran

Towcester Going: good to ilm 2,20 1. Look Sharper (100-30), 2, Str Lun-chalot (12-1); 3, Give Me Space (12-1) Tricky Trevor 11-4 (av. 10 ram. 2.55 1, Demze (8-4 (1-lav), 2, Mr Sneggle (9-4 (1-lav); 3, Black Statement (12-1), 5 ren. Mr Spanish Light.

3.25 J. Ten Cre Kay (9-1), 2 Linkstein (4-5 iav), 3, Master Crusader (25-1) 5 can 3.55 J. Master Crusader (25-1) 5 can 3.55 J. Master Crusader (25-1) 5 can 6.10 J. Master Crusader (25-1) Homme De Fer 3-1 ji-lav 6 can 4.55 J. Master Crusader (25-1) Homme De Fer 3-1 ji-lav 6 can De Fer 3-1 J-fav 6 can 4.25 1, Carley Lad (9-1); 2, Liver Bird (8-1); 3. Caperwise (6-1). Salmon Breeze 15-8 fav. 10 ran 5.00 1. The Good Kriight (12-1), 2, Stay Lucky (11-1); 3, Justice Airre (16-1) Bal Sarong 9-4 fav. 11 am NF. Caldamus. 5.30 1, Blue Royel (4-11 fav), 2, Purple Ace (12-1); 3. Mellon Mede (20-1). 10 ran

ROB WRIGHT 4.15 Baliyalira Castle 4.50 Grange Court 2.30 Albemine 3.05 Verde Luna 3.40 Kingsdown Trix 5.25 Inner Light

Carl Evans: 3.05 Verde Luna, 4.15 Cracking Idea. GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

2.30 GRAHAM BUILDING SUPPLIES SELLING HAMERCAP HUREOLE (£1,812: 2m) (13 numers)

7-2 Lacy Tulty, 9-2 Alougu, 5-1 Albertine, 11-2 Helenes Hill, 6-1 others.

3.05 HVA HUNTERS CHASE (\$2,004: 2m 51/2f) (8) 1 1201 VERGE LUBSA 13 (B.F.S) R J Smith 7-12-10 ... Mr S Joymes (5) 2 5-42 PROVATE JET 14 (T.F.) A Brown 10-12-5 ... Mr P Michilister (7) 3 PR-P BITTER ALDE STP (V.G) Mr J Read 10-12-0 ... Mr D Cook (7) 4 03-2 CHESTER BEN 17 (G) Mr P Berthope 10-12-0 Mr T Lone (7) 5 -P45 DEVER'S STIMS BY R Happer 10-12-0 ... Mr J Oven (7) 6 FT. ELERTS CLUSS AGP (F.G) G PERCHANTI 10-12-0 Mr T Mr T NOT (7) 7 -USU EMPOLIAN STANDOW 9 (7) 0 Mr Common (7) 7 -USU EMPOLIAN STANDOW 9 (7) 0 Mr Common (7) 8 FFT NO OUTTING 19P (5) M A Many 9-12-0 ... Mr W Wales 11-8 Private Jet, 4-1 Vende Lora, Chester Ban, 5-1 No Conting, 25-1 others.

3.40 EVENT HANDICAP HURDLE (E3,310: 2m 4f) (7) 1 2-P0 EL DON 45 (D.F.S) M Pren ?-12-9 J Ryen 2 5451 KINGSDOWN THIX 13 (F.S) R J Scrip 5-11-3 Mr S Joynes (7) I BESS CHARREN, 557 (D.F.S) P Ciliago 6-11-3 D Byrns 4 0080 ELOMANIE PATH 13 (F.G.S) R Hadges 9-10-8 Printer 5 8766 TANSSHAN 34 Mrs D Haire 5-10-0 Mark Smith (7) 6 0086 CAMBO 80 (D.F.G.S) M Series 13-10-0 Mr J Owen (7) 7 65P6 RLORA DREAMSHD 12 P High 5-10-0 Mr J Owen (7) 7-4 Kirpsdown Tits 9-2 Creatord, 5-1 Glowing Path, 8-1 8 Don, 8-1 others.

4.15 QUEEN'S CUP, AN EASTERN COUNTIES HUNTERS CHASE (£2,123: 3m 110yd) (5) 1 - PPI JD JD BOY 9P (CD) FLS 30 Bloom 10-124 - Mr W Wales
2 345- CHSPRY CHAP \$23 (D,F,IS) J about 14-11-12 Mr D Partayes (7)
3 11U1 CHACANG IDEA SP (D,F,IS) 11-11-12 - Mr N M Bell (7)
4 2221 ZAM BEE 8P (D,F,IS) Mr A Bell 13-11-12 - Mr N M Bell (7)
5 -141 BALLYALIM CASTLE SP (D,E) Mr S Real 10-11-8 - Mr T Laine (7)
7-4 Jo Ju Boy, 3-1 Crapbing Mrs. Zam Bee, Ballyalia Castle, 12-1 Cherry Chap.

4.50 DAVID KEITH MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£5,270: 2m 5i 110yd) (10) 

5.25 BETTY AND HERBERT CASSELL MEMORIAL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,676: 2m) (11)

9-2 Suprement, Reggla Buck, 5-1 Polo Venours, 11-2 Foxes Yalt, 8-1 other

**ROB WRIGHT** 4.00 Baroncelli 3.00 Irish Frolic 4.30 Mullimtor 3.30 Amaze 5.00 Laffah GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) 2.30 CHURCH FARM HURDLE (52,478: 2m ) (13) 1 50 FALLAH 137 Lody Herries 5-11-0 W Gistrox (7)
2 -0PD FRIDON FLYTER 13 J Gillord 5-11-0 Astrony (7)
3 5 GRADAMES 33 I Walkins 5-11-0 PUBITAL
4 F363 HARILE 9 G L Moore 5-11-0 J. P Hole
5 13-2 NATIVE SPEAKER 140 (95 S) P R Webbar 6-11-0 \$1, Asyell
6 ROYAL CHARMER May M Jones 7-11-0 M Apples (7)
9 O-P SLEPPINR 47 D Grissel 6-11-0 T Bropies (7)
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9 2550 CERTARY SUPPRISE 62 M Medigenck 5-10-9 Globary (7)
10 3526 CIPPINR 49 (1.8P) M Proc 5-10-9 Repend
11 FULLOW THE STORM M Partisinck 5-10-9 Globars (3)
12 PRISES 205F Mrs. I Wadden 5-10-9 Stores
13 35 SOWET LADY 16 R Buggar 5-10-9 M Echelor (5)
14 SOWET LADY 16 R Buggar 5-10-9 M Echelor (5) 11-4 Harfit, 3-1 Chippenst, 4-1 Matten Speaker, 7-1 Soviet Lady, Ba

3.00 BLACKHORE BORLEY CHASE (52,559. 2 21) (10) 2-1 Maddelini, 3-1 Insh Fronc. 5-1 Merry Shot, 7-1 Nice Approach 1 others.

3.30 RBS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,063: 24/41) (11)

3-7 Arrazet, 5-1 lie De Librate, 7-1 Garce Diferorra, Fountain Bió, B-1 othes.

4.00 JOKER JACK RETIREMENT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,020: 3m 1f 110yd) (8)

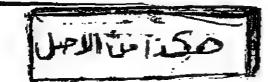
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7 696 HARDY BREZZE 47 0 Gresof 8-10-2 W Greatex (
8 60RP SECLEDIN GALE 95 R Rowe 7-10-2 J. Aspet 6-4 Baroncelli, 7-2 Esperanza IV, Caras Rose, 6-1 Scobis Birl, 12-1 other

4.30 HISCOX INSURANCE SELLING HANDICA CHASE (£2,618: 2m 5f) (8)

9-4 Tiger Paves, 3-1 Whippers Delight, 7-2 Lyphand's Fable, 8-1 olibers.

5.00 RACE VISION HANDICAP HURBLE (4-Y-0: £2,303: 2m 1f) (6)

1 6011 LAFFAH 13 (1.0.6.5) M Pips 12-0 2 030 STOPMATCH 25 M/s I, Joseph 11-7 3 6513 RIVER FRONTER 10 (6.5) M Hater 11-2 4 0530 RED BROOK LAD 34F (6) S DW 1-8 5 0303 BROOKSE 19 (7) R Carson 10-1 6 0204 OANCHIS DERIVISH 32 S Mellor 10-0 M Batche 6





# Feathered Leader to relish test of stamina

By CHRIS McGrath

WITHmany exhausted punters seeing a fresh start on the Flat, it is appropriate that the jumps eason should try to retrieve heir attention with its most guelling tests of stamina. The Martell Grand National on laturday finds echoes over the following weekends in the takis Casinos Scottish National and Whitbread Gold Cup. This final crescendo of staying chases begins at Fairyhouse day with the Jameson

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Aftera long winter many rivals will envy Celtic Giant, who had just one race before runnin away with the Fulke Walwy Kim Muir Chase at the Chetenham Festival. The scale of his improvement was reflecte in odds of 20-1, and while a quarter of the field was eliminated by a pile-up, he was in command a long way out and is clearly progressing. His fore, however, is hold iumpine and galloping on a sound urface, and even improved landitions may not prevent the race proving more of

a slog. His ellow raider, Full Of Oats, is by contrast a remorseless stater who needs mud. Rejuvenated by a change of stable, he has also enjoyed a light campagn, and was entitled to be feeling his hard race in the Eider Chase when disappoint-

ing las time.
The home defence ranges from classy handicappers like Papillon to the sort of unexposed hovices that have a fine record in this race. Papillon is a real eccentric, remarkably versatile but not always wholly dependable. Though he has form over two miles, he bit off more than he could chew in the Queen Mother Champion Chase last time and may enjoy

greater leisure to get himself involved back over this trip. He was denied only by Bobbyio last year.

Among the novices, Feath-ered Leader also leaps up in trip. He was running a cracker when unseating Conor O'Dwyer three out in the Guinness Arkle Trophy at Cheltenham. Arthur Moore has always campaigned him like a good horse and he would prove well treated if a test of starnina vindicates that esteem. He is likely to be better served by the drying ground than his fellow novice. Manus The Man.

One of the season's themes has been the resurgence of Norman Williamson as a masterful big-race jockey, but he has recently been brought back to earth with a bump. After sickening injuries to Nick Dundee and Teeton Mill at Cheltenham, he must now ponder the potentially grave consequences of a drink-

driving charge.

Bob Treacy, then, would be a friend in need if he could restore morale. A faller when strongly fancied last year, he has since confirmed his calibre, rattling Imperial Call and Dorans Pride at Punchestown before winning the valuable Thyestes Chase. A slow pace over an inadequate trip meant he did well even to get his nose in a photo at Leopardstown last time, as he is stoutly bred. This test could duly prompt improvement even beyond his

relatively lofty rating. Like Papillon, he has his quirks, but Williamson gets the best out of him. The sole caveat is that his best form is on softer ground, so he may be worth taking on with the dark horse, Feathered Leader.

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3.55 JAMESON IRISH GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP. CASE (Grade 1: £78.350: 3m 5f) (20 runners)

Long knollegs (in received order) Ballymackean 9-5, Glebe Lad 9-13, Onedousom 8-11, Pauls Rinn 9-1, Resi Of Thorier 9-8, Rocketts Castle 9-10, Tarthoom 9-3, The Quads 9-9, The Real Article 8-9, Utra Florer 9-5. BETTINS: 6-1 Menus. The Man. 7-1 Bob Treacev, Cebic Glant, Glebe Lad, The Ouado, 8-1 Papillon wood, n-1 Feathered Leader, 16-1 Druids Brook, Full Of Cars, Rightsadbed, 20-1 Risk Of Thunder.

1999; BOBBYJO 8-11-3 P Carberry (8-1) T Carberry 22 ran

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**ROB WRIGHT** 2.00 Estate Agent
2.30 Knight Templar
3.00 Takethetopoff
3.30 Walter's Destiny
4.00 Super Mac
4.30 Yorkshire Edition

2.00 NINE HOLE 'NATIONAL HUNT' HOVICES HURDLE (£2,542. 2m) (8 runners)

10-11 Estate Agent, 11-8 My Man Dan, 14-1 Proper Primitive, 20-1 Thanks Sig FeRs, 25-1 Fly II Alone, Pidgeon Post, 33-1 others.

2.30 CADBURY BUSINESS PARK NOVICES CHASE (£3,246: 3m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 121P KNIGHT TEMBLAR 58 (6.5) P Nichols 6-12-0 R Duminoody 2 33P1 CHEROKE BOY 13 (F.G.S) B Agal 7-11-8 L L Currians 23 3 APD COOLE CHERRY 24 C Barnaul 9-11-2 L Currians 23 4 3055 MILLCROFT REGARTIA 27 (8) H Aba 7-11-2 R Widger (5) 5 54P5 DURINICKS COUNTRY 24 C Tizzard 9-10-11 LD U'Sullivan (7) 6-4 Knight Templar, 7-4 Cherokas Boy 3-1 Millioroli Regalta, 16-1 Dunnicks Country, 25-1 Coole Cherry,

3.00 GOLF COURSE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS **CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,954; 2m) (10)** 

6-4 Miss Onder, 7-2 Shade D'amethyste, 5-1 Afon Alwen, 8-1 Takethotopotf, 10-1 Ayem, 12-1 Golden Lify, 14-1 Give And Take, 33-1 others,

2.15 Ackzo

2.45 Dragons Bay

Carl Evans: 4,45 Major Tom.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

HURDLE (£2,654: 2m 4f 110yd) (18 runners)

2.45 KIRKANDREWS-ON-EDEN NOVICES

HANDICAP CHASE (£3,126: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

11-4 Dragons Bay, 7-1 Wr Frangipani, Aten't We Lucky, 6-1 others.

AL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE(£2,612: 2m 1f) (20)

3.15 MICHAEL DE GARA 50TH BIRTHDAY NATION-

11-4 Fox's Libel, 9-2 Gunner Marc, 8-1 Easby Blue, Willia Thyms, 12-1 others.

2.15 CARLISLE RACE CLUB MEMBERS NOVICES

3.15 Allerbeck

3.30 CADBURY BUSINESS PARK HANDICAP HUROLE (£2,570: 2m 6f) (17)

HURDLE (£2,570; 2m 6l) (17)

1 6424 HISH SUMMER 195 (CD.F) L Main 9 11-10 Mrs C J Bann
2 15-P BIRLINGTON SAM 118 (D 6.5) A Hong 11-1-18 Gar Levis 15)
3 3055 BOLTON FOREST 13 (T.6.5) C Hours 11-18 Bar II Ferbly (7)
4 2-P6 NOBEL LAD 27 (8.5) M Proc 5-11-3 G Suspise (1)
5 2894 MIN THEN DESTINY 13 (CD.6.5) C Mondel 7-11-7 G Upton
6 4531 BUCHSKIN CAMED 11 (CD.6.5) P Michel 6 11-5 R Durmanoly
7 2520 PAULTON 12 (B.6.) F Berbin 5-11-2 G Brace C 1
8 6221 BLUE BLAZER 19 (D.5.) R Froz 9 11-1 G Lommans (3)
10 45- REAL MADERD 311 (G) P Rober 9-10-2 D Forti (3)
11 -PPO SAAR 48 (B.6.5) C Poptom 8 10-12 D O Sulfran (7)
2 0400 DARING NIBE 13 (D F.5 to 8 Sobran 9-10-11 T Discorribe
13 634- CHICAGO'S BEST 546 (F G) M Combine 12-10-9 Miss M Courtne
14 FPV BELCOMEN 733 (F) P Hobbs 9-10-7 R Wridger (5)
15 2-03 REGAL GEM 11 (F.6) C Barrell 8-10-4 T OCOMBO (7)
16 0000 BANJO HELL 12 C Woodon 5-10-7 R B Edemy
11-4 Buckskin Camen, 7-2 Blue Blaze 8-1 (Nabo's Permin 10-10-96) 11-4 Buckskin Camen, 7-2 Blue Blazer, 8-1 Walton's Demony, 10-1 others

4.00 IMPROVE YOUR HANDICAP CHASE (£3,501 2m) (9)

7-4 Commandit Cracker, 5-2 Septer Mais, 11-2 Robies Pride, 7-1 others

4.30 PAY AND PLAY 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES HURDLE (£2.738, 2m 6t) (6)

1-2 Yorkshire Edition, 2-1 Supreme From: 16-1 For Christie 73-1 others.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRANERS P Michale. 42 montes from 1.89 runners. 40 0%, M Pape. 37 bom 158, 23 4% h Balley, 10 bom 46, 21 7%, P Bowen. 4 bom 16, 15 4%. J King. 9 from 60, 15.0%, R Almer. 17 bom 132, 10,9%, JOCKEYS: L. Commune, 7 minno's from 33 rides, 21,2%. R Danapody, 19 kmm 99, 19 2%. O Barrows, 4 from 22, 18,2%, T Descombe, 10 from 96, 10 4%.

### (£3,794: 3m 2f) (14)

ROB WRIGHT 3.45 Minella Gold

4.15 Executive Design

4.45 Major Tom

5.15 Grouse Hall

4.15 BORDER TELEVISION HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,738, 2m 1i) (10) 1 B339 VALEDICTURY 23 (CD.S) P Modesti 6-12-0 Mr J Michamana (5)
2 -003 EXECUTIVE DESIGN 23 (CS.S) Mrs. M Revely, 7-11-9
Mr A Dertgosy
3 2336 DAN DE MAN 31 (BF.G.S) Mrs. L Sidgal B-11-8 . A Dobbut
ii 1030 EPONNE 10 (F.G.S) E filiol 5-11-6 . . . . . 6 F Rvan (3)
5 U336 CAP IT IF YOU CAN 38 (5) T Cadevel 8-11-1 . R KGrath
6 4110 JUST LEZDE 10 (CD.S) 8 Nvon 6-10-8 . L Cooper (7)
4432 EAR AND FANCY 25 (BF.G.S) Mrs. Mellipan 8-110-7 Leath
8 164U CUTTINS ANSHAKE 166F (D.F.S) M Todhunic 4-10-0
C McCourtack (3)
9 SPSP COMMON SOUND 14 (T.S.) J Backer 8-10-0 . B Sarrey
10 6112 DRIEL LAD 20 (CD.F.S) Mrs. K Milligan 6-10-0 B Grattan (3) 3-1 Executive Design, 7-1 Dan De Man, Eponine, Fair And Funcy, Onel Lad. 8-1 Valedictory, Just Lizze, Cutting Anshake, 10-1 others.

| ANDICAP CHASE (E3,126: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

1 413F MR FRANCIPAMI 42 (BF,5) M Richards 6-12-0 \_\_ A Dobbin
1 413F MR FRANCIPAMI 42 (BF,5) M Richards 6-12-0 \_\_ A Dobbin
2 LISH DRAGIONS BAY 16 (BC,5) Mar. A Previety 10-11-11 Mr A Dempsey
3 6-00 CRAIGARY 60 (G) Mr. A Swintenth 8-11-8 \_\_ Mr C Wilson
4 2373 ARENT WE LLICKY 42 J J O'Neil 6-11-4 \_\_ B McGrath
5 0732 MADDEMS' 5 SAM 16 P Beaumond 7-10-12 \_\_ B Grazar (1)
6 6731 CHARMWODO JACX 18 M Todhuren 6-10-12 \_\_ C McGramask (3)
7 F160 BOYZONTOOWA 40 (D,F,5) W Sorey, 7-10-17 \_\_ L-Jardine (7)
8 AZ2 \_JONAEM 6-19 (D,F) May 5 Stack 9-10-7 \_\_ L- C Cooper (7)
9 AZ2 \_JONAEM 6-19 (D,F) May 5 Stack 9-10-7 \_\_ L- C Cooper (7)
9 AZ2 \_JONAEM 6-19 (D,F) May 5 Stack 9-10-7 \_\_ L- C Cooper (7)
10 PPP1 DOOK'S DELIGHT 18 D,G.S) R Edwy 8-10-7 Mr. J McCharmod (5)
11 3120 BROMFORD HOUSE 172.(S) G M Alcore 6-10-5 \_\_ Calestian
13 AZ17 WOODY DATE 7-19 (D,F) P Needman 9-10-4 \_\_ G F Ryan (3)
14 3754 LOPE BULLAH 20 (D,F,S) J Walash 6-10-4 \_\_ D Partes
16 0-53P MCERT RES C Parter 7-10-4 \_\_ B Storey
16 0-53P MCERT L 37 (D,S) J FittGorald 8-10-0 \_\_ F Leaby
1-4 Drogons Bay, 7-1 W Frangipani, Airen't We Lucky, 8-1 others
1-4 Drogons Bay, 7-1 W Frangipani, Airen't We Lucky, 8-1 others HUNT FLAT (£1,683: 2m 1i) (20)

4-1 Grouse Hall, 9-2 Denarius, 6-1 Hamish Mor. 7-1 Nousayn, 8-1 Just Tom 12-1 Barmerman, Blue Bud, General Louis, 16-1 other?

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### 3.45 JOHN DIXON HANDICAP CHASE

CARLISLE

11-2 Commuted Schedulc, 6-1 by House, 13-2 The Snow Burn, Cetic Duke. 8-1 Nipway, Gale Force, Le Denstan, 10-1 others.

4.45 JOHN MCKIE MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (£1,155: 3m 2f) (12)

[27, 15.05: SITT 21) (1.62)

1. 13-5 BARNEY THE MAN 190 (G) R Ford 7-12-7 ... Mr R Ford (G) 2. 50P2 BORDER GLORY 9P (S) W M Scott 8-12-7 ... Mr A Dempsey 6-12-7 ... Mr A Demp 11 -B11 REDOMI Z3P (S) E Ferrenck 7-12-0 . . . . Mr C Wilson (S 12 0-11 MAJCR TOM 50P (G.5) T Tate 5-11-5 . . . . Mr J J Tate (T 7-2 feride Rambier, 5-1 Carrick Troop, Major Torn, 11-2 Redomi, 7-1 Mulfingar Con, Pionicevii. 10-1 Keeper's Cafl, 16-1 others

5.75 BOWNESS INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL

### Carlisle

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Fichards, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30.8%. Mrs M Reveley, 28 from 103, 27.2%, Mrs A Swindershark, 8 from 36, 22.2%, J FitzGerald, 5 from 23, 21.7%, P Monteuth, 8 from 43, 18.6%; L Lungo, 21 from 115, 18.3%, J R Turner, 3 from 18, 16.7%, P Beaumont, 5 from 32, 15.6%, C Grant, 2 from 22, 13.6%, B Mactagoart, 5 3 from 22, 13 6%, B Mactaggart, 5

JOCKEYS: A Dobbin, 27 witners from 136 rides, 19.9%; W Dowling, 4 from 22, 18.2%; B Grattan, 5 from 33, 15.2%, J Callaghan, 7 from 49, 14.3%. R Guest, 10 from 72, 13.9%; D Benkley, 5 from 37, 13.5%, B Storey, 19 from 155, 12.3%, J Burke, 4 from 40, 10.0%. Only qualitiers

### Hereford

TRAINERS: P Murphy, 8 winners from 28 runners, 28 6%. N Gaselea, 4 from 16, 25 0%. D Nicholson, 6 from 27, 22,2%. O Sherwood, 4 from 19, 21,1%; N Twiston-Davies, 21 from 19. 21,1%; N. Institution S., 21 norm 19, 101, 20 8%, Mrs. J. Pigman, 3 from 19, 15,6%. D. Burchell, 4 from 29, 13 8%. R. Lee, 5 from 41, 12,2%, Miss. H. Kright, 4 from 35, 11 4%; P. Bowen, 5 from 47, 10 6%.

**JOCKEYS:** J McCarthy, 6 winners from 31 rides, 19.4%, D J Burchell, 4 from 30, 13.3%; S Wynne, 11 from 85. 12 9%: R Thornton, 6 from 53, 11 3%

### HEREFORD

2.25 New Bird 3.00 Divine Inspiration 4.45 Royal Tommy 3.35 Lucky Ross 5.20 Crizen Kane

COING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.25 ROSS-ON-WYE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-r-0 £3,009 2m 1l) (6 runners)

1 1240 REW ERID 18 (S) D National 11-1 2 ELMARUS 769 ( Brothen 11-1 9 ELWARUS CONTRACT 38 G Ros 11-0 4 PODS 18 LOST 10.75 21 (7) 4 hosting and 11-1 0 TRACED WITH COLD 26 Was 10 host 11-1 5 TOP POSITIVE 1707 N. Compact 10-9 4-11 New Bard, 7-1 Etheroph, Temporal With Gold, 19-1 Go Process, 25-1 project

3.00 JAMES DALY HUNTERS CHASE (£2,442: 2m 3f) (17)

1 P.15 BOTHING MATCH OF IF G.S.) 5 T B THEN 12 TO 10 M S LLoyd (7) P.33 NOOFORM MORDER 12 (F G.S.) 5 Each 12 T F B BEAS (7) 3 2530 CHANNEL PASTRIC 16P (F G.S.) M JULIUS 15 (2-9) Mas 3 Table (7) Mas 3 Table (7) Life S Kome (7) 4 45-D DATTILLE DAWN 12 (S) R COR 2-1, 0 Mas S Table C 15 OPPT REPVIN 15P (DF 65 ) LOST TOWN 17 (S) R COR 2-1, 0 Mas S Table C 15 OPPT REPVIN 15P (DF 65 ) LOST TOWN 17 (S) DE P DATTILLE DAWN 12 (S) R COR 2-1, 0 DE P DATTILLE DAWN 12 (S) R TOWN 17 (S) DATTILLE RANDLER 23 (S) DE 1 PHO 3 (S) DE P DATTILLE DAWN 18 OLD S SAVILIT 46 (FG 1) BLOWN 10 (D-0) MAT I EARLY 13 S OLD S SAVILIT 46 (FG 1) BLOWN 10 (D-0) MAT I EARLY 13 S OLD S SAVILIT 46 (FG 1) BLOWN 10 (D-0) MAT I EARLY 13 S OLD S SAVILIT 46 (FG 1) BLOWN 10 (D-0) MAT I EARLY 13 DESCRIPTION 12 (BF 1) MARCH 10 (D-0) MAS MARCH 17 (D-0) MAS MARCH 17 (D-0) MAS MARCH 17 (D-0) MAS MARCH 17 (D-0) MAS P MAS DAWN 10 (D-0) MAS DAW

3.35 HOLIDAY NOVICES HURDLE

(£3,116 3m 21) (12) 4-13 HARREN SCAREM 16 (S) IM Primen 9:11-4 . 1, Corcoron (7) 3212 SUPPRIME DAY 66 (F.S.) D Nicholson 6-11-8 . 8 Trigorition F33P DADDY DANGER 34 May P. Faz 8-11-2 . 5 Gratian (7) Im 6 Lahe (7) . 17 S Lahe (7)

7-4 Scoring March 9-4 Hondurn, Sonnes 11 7 Entere Institution 7-1 Copies

5 100 HAPPY HUSSAR 24 (S) H Dai, 6-11 2 S Wyene ( 0 00 HERRY TUDOR 12 A terms 7 11-2 D Leathy 7 0065 HERRY TUDOR 12 A terms 7 11-2 D Leathy 8 5-09 KEIGAL 30 2 Hollimpsoch 6 11-2 Mr T Gabrey (5) 9 5-06 6 MOCK-ROO 32 (6) 0 Worte 3-11-2 J MocGotty 10 -090 LEARUS AIRELIES 31 0 Steramot 6-11-2 J A McCotty 11 3623 LUCKY ROSS 37 (f) H Dai, 8-11-2 S Wynne 0 STRUGGUIG 0N 124 P Boven 8-11 2 ... Mr P Costafo (7) 4.10 Northern Saddler 1 Signish Could thisen Scarm, 7-2 Lucky Ross, 8-1 Happy Rossar, 10-1 Marko 12 f Daudy Lunco Lawrs America, 20-1 others

4.10 NEWTOWN HANDICAP CHASE

/23 550 2m) (7) 1 336 FERRUPINO 24 (D.F.S.) P. Rich (1-12-6 L. Corroran (7) 1-4P NAPCO 155 (F) S. Shareson (7 to 12 . D.Leshy 2233 MORTHERN SADDLER 16 (D.F.E.S.) R. Hooges 12-10-11 P. Thermion SHA MARATSANE 133 Ms C BBG 9-10-8 S Thyme S 2464 ASTRAL BMASION 34 (BCD)-F G T Can 8-10 T J Stoglard (7) C 6275 TAMAMOUR 43 (BCD)-F G to 12-10-0 Mar P Cockeb (7) C 5497 ESKLEYBROOK 34 N Takkon Device 6 10-0 T domas Methen Soddiul, 6-1 Eckleybrook, 9-2 Ashal Invasion, 5-1 Edmontole, 7-1.
 Fellulino, 8-1 Fapoli, 16-1 Marameter

4.45 MARLBROOK NOVICES CHASE

(£3,485 3m 1f 110yd) (6) P.2.1. NO JOKER 679 (CD.F.G) N Casales 1:-11-6. D Leavy P-35 CHERRY ORGAND 12 J A Hordes 12-11-2. J A McCarthy SPE2 ROYAL TOMMY 42 (8.5) 0 chearago 7:11 2. J A McCarthy SPE THE HOMEST POACHER 25 (6) H Day 9:11-2. R Triomaton 1-PO WINTER GAME 87 (F) H Day 5-11-2. SWymae 6:50- PAMALYN 505 (9F) S Brockshaw 7-10-11. Mr G Lake (7) 7.4 for all Temmy 2.1 No Joiner 5-1 The Honers Peaches, 7-1 Fermolys. 8-1 ChB1/ Oxford 25-1 Winter Same

5.20 PETERSTOW NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3 438 2m 3f 110yd) (14) 1 0642 BEEFY NOVA 46 It Jacton Daver 7-11-13 J. Lienks 2-625 OTHER CLUB 31 (f) J Portman 5-11-5 R. Thermton 3 0091 CRIZEN NAME 28 66 I 0 Shetwood 5-11-5 J. McCardy 4-097 BERNELEY PROMITER 12 (5) It 5-2-bet 6-10-12 D. Leahy 5 0953 ALIABAD 13 P. Minoby 4-10 7 J. Concoran (7) 4-100 R.J.HATTES TREST 12 (6) It 9 J Price 5-10 6 J. Llogdood (7) 7-135 LATE ENCOUNTER 116 (0) F.S.R. Bicom 6-10-10 M. Acethory (7) 6-60P0 ISCA MAJDEN 13 P. No. Acethory 6-10-1 S. Garden (7) 6-60P0 ISCA MAJDEN 13 P. No. Acethory 7-10-0 S. Wyme DOUBTTEL 11 (1) 1-10-10 C. S. P. Minoby 12 Price 7-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 11 0092 S. PARAN 23 4 hours 6-10-00 M. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Roe 6-10-0 Mr. P. Costetio (7) 14 POOP SPENDER STALLONE 42 G. Ro 11 4 Buch Nova, 7-2 Codes have 11-2 Office Caub, 6-1 offices

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2.00 Joliver 3.30 City Hall 4.00 Flapjack Lad 2.30 Norski Lad 4.30 Russell Road 3.00 in The Blood 5.00 Handy Lass

2.00 SPRINGTIME CLAIMING HURDLE

GOING, GOOD TO SOFT

(£1.968: 2m 4l 110yd) (12 runners) 1 3-29 RUSTY REL 32 (7.5) W G M Tuner 9-11-12 — J Power (7)
2 3-50 JOLIVER 20 (0.5) M Poet 11-11-9 ... ... ... A P McCim
5 PP06 CAPTARI MORRIS 12 (V) F Weigman 7-11-6
5 4-04 MONTCHE 116 Ms C Hicks 9-11-2 ... M Registey (7)
6 0-50 FORMINABLE FLAME 44F 6 Ham 6-11-11 ... Substrong
7 P096 SUPPLIEME MASTIER 12 (8.5) Mize C Johnson 9-11-0 J Tezand
8 2-250 DANCING AT LAYARN 128 (6) Mrs C 6-60re 9-11-0 J Tezand
9 DP28 GOLDEN FILM 25 (7.5) B Liverellyn 11-10-12 ... E Husbaini
11 14P8 BHFAMOUS 12 (1.F.G) P Licercliny 16-10-12 ... M Scales (7)
12 -5P0 FLICKERNING LIGHT 61 Mrs I Havente 6-10-7 ... Mages
I Mass Beat Call 92 Jolives for 1 Moratore 8-1 toffers 1-1 Rusty Reel Sant Civil 9-2 Johns, 6-1 Montore, 8-1 others

2.30 CASTLE HOVICES HURDLE

(Div I. £2,220: 2m 4f 110yd) (11) 

6-4 Norshi Lad. 7-2 Ballet High, Tain Ton, 7-1 Knightsbridge Star., 16-1 others 3.00 FULKE WALWYN HANDICAP CHASE

(£5,784: 2m 3f 110yd) (6) 1 1F-P BENGERS MODR 162 (F.G.S.) P Nicholis 8-11-10 ... J Tizzard
2 -8F6 JATHB 20 GF,G5 M Pice 8-11-9 ... A P McCoy
3 -111 IN THE BLOOD 23 (CD.G.S.) P Hobes 8-11-8 ... C Mande
4 2310 DANTES CAVALER 18 (F.G.S.) D Gandolis 8-11-1 ... R Johnson
5 41:2 AMBLESDE 9 (G.S.) Mr.S. Wilkers 8-10-0 ... E Husband
6 613 FRYS NO FOOL 354 (CD.G.S.) J OM 9-10-0 ... M A Fizgerald 5-2 January 3-1 in The Blood, 7-2 Dames Cavalier 9-2 Bengurs Moor, 5-1 others

3.30 WELSH CHAMPION HURDLE

(£6,905: 2m 110yd) (4) 1 1214 POTENTATE 18 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-12 ... A P McCoy 2 F168 TRICHEV 20 (D,G,S) D Nicholson 5-11-12 ... A P Ricepard 3 2367 ZARARABO 20 (D,G,S) P Nicholson 5-11-12 ... R Johnson 4 2320 CTY HALL 20 (D,G,S) Mrs V Ward 5-11-8 ... ... J Tizzard 7-4 Terletrev. 2-1 Potentale, 4-1 Zalarabad. City Hall.

4.00 FREELINE HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,163: 3m 2f 110yd) (13) 5-1 True Fortune, 6-1 Mystic Islo, 13-2 Monicasman, 7-1 others

4.30 CASTLE NOVICES HURDLE

(Div II: £2,206 2m 4f 110yd) (11) S) D Nichelson 7-11-10 R Johnso D GS) Mrs J Priman 5-11-5 M A Fitzgeral 1 N Terislon-Dames 6 11-11 C Maud 1-8 Rash Remark, 2-1 Russell Rood, 3-1 Count Campioni, 16-1 others

5.00 EASTER SURPRISE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3.074: 2m 4i 110vd) (12)

1 P. 22 SELMORE ROCK 67 B.BF.F.G.S) M Pipe 12-11-12 A P McCoy 2 0331 HANDY LASS 12 (CD.F.G.S) J S Smith 10-10-11 R Johnson 3 2210 PRIOYMET 17 (B.S.S) Mann 6-10-10 J Magne 4 0555 C ULISTADUAY 23 (V.CD.S.) Mailine 7-10-10 J Magne 5 0213 SLIVINIES SPECIAL 17 (S) P Rodiou 6-10-8 Shrough 7 0-2 HROZEN SEA 546 (BF.F) Mrs J Erre 8-10-8 M Scales (7) 9 6010 SCRAM 44 (F.S.S) R Dickim 6-10-3 M SCALES (7) 9 6010 SCRAM 44 (F.S.S) R Dickim 6-10-3 D J Burchell 10 BPP CASSOTS BOY 377 (V.CD.G.S) C McCourl 8-10-0 E Husbard 11 1332 GRANBY RELL 56 (S) F Hoyerud 8-10-0 ... J Power (7) 12 0003 MANDING 31 J J OH 6-10-0 ... J Power (7) C Maude '-2 Belmore Rock, 6-1 Handy Lass, Sumse Special, Skram, 7-1 others

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRAINERC Miss V Williams 8 womers from 17 junners 47 1% P Nacholis 32 kem 191, 31,7%, P Hopes, 27 from 104 126 0% J Old 9 from 48, 20 3% D Nicholson, 17 from 68, 20 5% J Mullins 3 from 15, 20 0% JOCKE 75, J Tiggard, 11 winners from 27 lides, 40 7% A McCov, 36 from 154, 23 4%, B Johnson, 16 from 92, 17 4%, M Ritagesald, 12 from 91

### TOWCESTER

ROB WRIGHT 2.15 Summer Flower 3.50 Peninsula Boy 2.45 Hightown Cavalier 4.25 Avostar 4.55 Miss Chloe 3.15 Kınnahalla Carl Evans: 4.25 Jupiter Moon.

GOING: GOOD

2.15 MATCH OF THE DAY LIVE EVENT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,828: 2m) (11 runners)

**2.45** PENRHYN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,088: 2m) (8)

9-4 Rossell Island, 5-1 Sorman, The Lady Scores, 11-2 others.

3.15 PHILIP BRANGWYN MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3.407: 3m 1f) (8)

1 -6P2 MERLINS DREAM 28 (CD.F.G.S) 0 Sherwood 10-11-11 D Gallering.
2 11F5 THE FULL MONTY 121 FD.F.G) 5 Sherwood 7-11-7 U Biddings.
3 -622 PUNITERS BAR 17 (D.G.S) P Bonen 12-11-1 V Monton
4 25:22 KURNAHALLA 18 (D.G.S) 6 BAMM; 7-11-1 F Kenhy (7)
5 124P WERKENGALE 11 (BFD.F.G.) McJ. Primon 9-11-1 B Cuthorl
5 339P TROUVAILE 19 (F1 A linnel 8-10-4 ... U Bidhort (7)
8 P306 LITTLE ROWLEY 16 (F) McG. Z Davison 10-10-0 R Macazy 5-2 Kinnahalla, 4-1 Mexims Dream, 5-1 Punters Bar, Wrekongaic, 6-1 others

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HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,012: 3m) (12) 7-2 Peninsula Boy, 4-1 Renardine Boy, 7-1 Ross Dancer, Northern Star, 6-Smokey Robot, 10-1 River Bay, 12-1 Weeheby, Little Serena, 14-1 others.

4.25 SCHILIZZI 1906 SIXTY YEARS COMMEMORA-

TIVE CUP (HUNTERS CHASE) (£1,084: 2m 6i) (4) 1 2P11 AVOSTAR 12 (B.CD.G.S) Mrs. C Bailey 12-12-10 Mr B Poliock 2 1-P1) GOLD TIMES 37P (S) Nich Seal 9-12-0 Mr J Harry (7) 3 P1P2 JUPIER MOON BP (F.C.S.) J Conveil 10-12-0 Mr J Commol (7) 4 6F-3 SEVERN MVADER BP (CD.F.G.S.) Mrs. H Scring (4-12-0 Mrs.) H Gosting (7) 4-9 Avostar, 4-1 Jupiter Moon, 8-1 Severn Invader, 10-1 Gold Times.

4.55 CLARKE-RODWAY DIAMOND JUBILEE OPEN NH FLAT (Div | £1,525: 2m) (13)

10 SIMBER HILL 74 (S) D Micholom 5-11-9
COMMANICHE BOW I Witkamt. 5-11-2
0 MISTER DOWN 17 Micz. 5-11-2
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0 PADDY CYTPE 44 (T) F R Werbon 6-11-2
RD SBR ROBBO 37 N Tweston-Daries 5-11-2
TANTIVE BAY P Modes 5-11-2
4 JAN'S DREAM 42 F R Webber 5-10-11
WELDEED G I Corper 5-10-11
WELDEED G I Corper 5-10-11
HIGH EMPECTATIONS I Tare 4-10-10
ENGLISH CLOVER H Doly 4-10-5
MISS CRUDE Mis J Phram 4-10-5
NO MODRE BILLS K Brahop 4-10-5
TANDA JA HER DRIVE 3-1 Invite Dream I are 11-4 Simber Hill, 7-2 Miss Chice, 7-1 Jan's Dream, Tantovy Bay, 8-1 others.

5.25 CLARKE-RODWAY DIAMOND JUBILEE OPEN NH FLAT (Drv II: £1,515. 2m) (12)

ARCTIC CHALLENGE 6 Selving 5-11-2
CRACKRATTLE Mice V Williams 5-11-2
GRACKRATTLE Mice V Williams 5-11-2
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ANALYSERE P 6 Webb 6 11-2
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ANALYSERE BOY N TAXONO-DANIES 5-11-2
ZAMBONI Mic 1. Richards 5-11-2
ARDENT ANNEE 67 J Cultisan 5-10-11
FREE FLIGHT J WINSTON 5-10-11
CRMARRONE COVE Mic J Planna 4-10-10
D LENNOX RANGER 16 Mic H Walton 4-10-10
D FEMBERONE SOLARE 17 M Pipe 4-10-10
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2-1 Crackrante, 4-1 Consarone Cove, 5-1 Kingfisher Boy, 7-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANJERS, Mrs. C. Bailey, 11 wenners from 16 runners, G6.8%, D. Micholson, 27 hom 73, 37.0%, Mass Y. Williams, 11 hom 38, 28,9%, H. Daty, 4 from 18, 12.1%, Mas J. Pruman, 10 from 46, 21,7%, P. Hobbs, 6 kom 28, 21,4% JOCKERS B Policie. 8 werners bown 14 ridos, 57 1% A Massey, 5 hom 26. 19,2% D Gallagher 9 from 53, 17 0% W Marston, 11 from 91-12 1%.

ONLY TALK TO MY HORSE IN A RACE IF IT'S

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## Kevin Eason on the leading drivers lining up for the start of the British Touring Car Championship

# Neal stuns rivals to capture pole

THE glory would probably be enough reward, but Matt Neal is halfway to a £250,000 prize as the first independent driver to break the stranglehold of the mega-budget manufacturer teams in the Auto Trader British Touring Car Champi-

Neal stunned his opposition yesterday by smashing the circuit record at Donington Park on his way to pole position for the main feature race this afternoon. To leave former champions and track stars in his wake was remarkable enough, but Neal's achievement is to beat teams with multi-million pound budgets that he can only dream of.

To add insult to injury, Neal was driving a 1998 constructors championshipwinning Nissan Primera GT, which he bought from the factory team - which would be like buying Mika Hakkinen's old McLaren-Mercedes to race and then beating him. While Neal sits on pole, neither of the factory-backed team cars. driven by David Leslie and Laurent Aielio, managed to qualify in the top ten.

"It is a fantastic moment for me and the team," the 32-yearold, who races for Tearn Dynamics, said. "I thought the manufacturer teams would be bringing out the heavy artillery, but, if I am going to win, then this is as good a chance as I am ever going to get and the thought of that £250,000 cheque is very nice. I just have to get away from pole and win. Sounds simple, but I am sure it will be a tough day at the races."

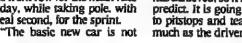
The success of Midlander serves only to underline just how tight this series, acknowledged

second only to Formula One in Great Britain, could be this season. Any one of half a dozen drivers is capable of winning the championship, including Neal, whose status as a rank outsider evaporated with his tyre smoke at Donington yesterday.

This will be the closest

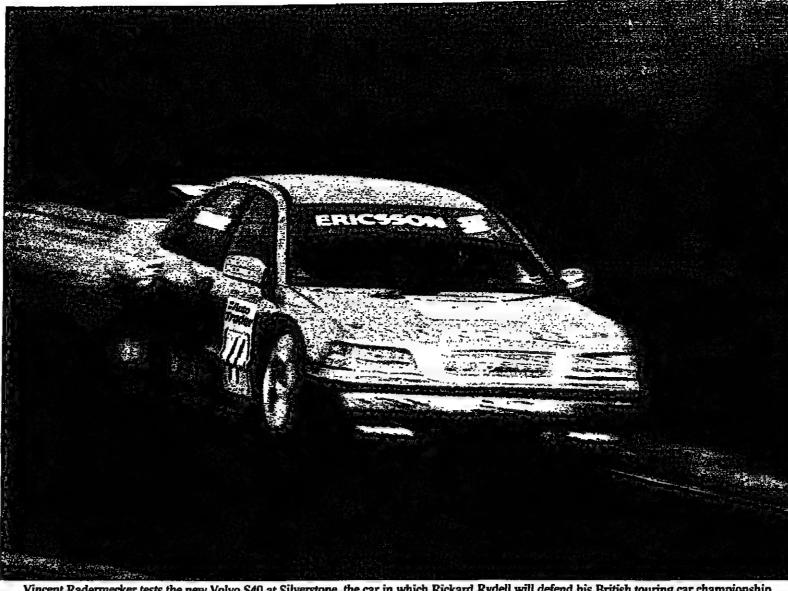
championship for a long time because every team has a good car and drivers who can win races," Rickard Rydell, the current champion who qualified his Volvo S40 in seventh position, said, "I want to make a little bit of history by winning two titles in a row, but it is significant that recently drivers who have won the title have not had such a good year after The grid is small in quantity

- just six manufacturers are represented - though high on quality for the first two rounds, an 18-lap sprint followed by the 36-lap feature race. Honda has built a new Accord that could put James Thomson, the youngest man on the grid, on his way to a maiden championship. The fresh-faced Yorkshireman, at the age of 24, has seven career victories behind him already, came third in the championship last season and put himself alongside Neal on the front row for the main race today, while taking pole, with Neal second, for the sprint.



### 1999 DIARY

(First day qualifying, second day two recest): Today (two recest): Donington Park, April 17/18: Salverstone, May 2/3: Thruston May 15/18: Branda Hatch, May 30/31: Culton Park, Juree 19/20: Donington July 3/4: Croft, July 16/17: Sneiterton, July 31/August 1: Thruston August 14/15: Knockhil August 29/30: Branda Hatch, Sep-tember 11/12: Culton Park, September 18/19: Salverstone



Vincent Radermecker tests the new Volvo S40 at Silverstone, the car in which Rickard Rydell will defend his British touring car championship

only quicker than last year's but also has lots of development ahead of it," he said. "but the competition is so close you cannot really rule anyone out. Any of the manufacturers in the championship now are capable of winning and look at what Matt Neal has achieved, so it is difficult to

that could be the way to the championship." The British touring car championship has always propredict. It is going to be down vided speciacular wheel-toto pitstops and team effort as wheel racing, no more so than much as the drivers and cars. at Donington last June, when Nigel Mansell almost pulled off the seemingly impossible by winning for Ford in the wet. His drive had started out as little more than a publicity coup, with Mansell being paid a reputed £500,000 by a strug-

"The main thing is that I

must not get too hung up about winning. I want to win

every race hopefully, but I

have to be consistent and get

points each time out, because

gling team striving to get atten-

tion in any way that it could in

this ultra-competitive series.

Touring Cars takes its reputation as a testbed for new ideas a step further this season with the first night race in Great Britain. The Snetterton circuit, outside Norwich, is being equipped with floodlights on July 17 to give spectators a unique view of the sport.

This year, Ford has aban-doned the frivolity of hiring an ex-Formula one star for a few demonstration drives and bought the best talent that it can find to transform its Mondeo into a winning car. Prodrive, which built world championship-winning raily

cars for Colin McRae, is making the Mondeos, in alliance with Cosworth, the Formula

One engine supplier.
Alain Ménu, the flamboyant 1997 champion, is part-nered by his antithesis in the form of Anthony Reid, a quiet, introverted Scot, whose studied approach last season made him the highest-placed British driver. Menu and Reid lurk menacingly fourth and fifth on the grid for the main race, but Reid, second to Rydell last year, is under no illusions that the new team will have to gel quickly to make an impact today.

"It might be an all-new package, but, because of the organisations involved, we have been able to respond quickly to

problems. We hope we will be up at the sharp end straight away although there is still a lot of discovering to be made of the Mondeo," he said.

He agrees that predicting winners this year is fraught with difficulty. "This could the most exciting championship on record. When people reflect on bow this championship was won, they might see that the driver did not win every time, but that the car was reliable and he was always among the places."

LINKS

### THE CONTENDERS

Rickard Rydell (Swe Age: 31

Team: Volvo S40. Prospects: Tough job defending his champion-ship, but Rydell is rated as the best touring car friver in the business. Depends entirely on how wal his 1999 Volvo can perform.

Anthony Reid (GB)

Age: 39 Team: Ford Mondec

Prospects: Last /ear's top British driver hasall the equipment for winning and showed last seasor he is not afraid of confrontation. The new Mondeo is an unknown, though he is optimistic.

Laurent Aiello (Fr)

Age: 29 Team: Nissan Primera Prospects: Must rate as a contender. The Pimera was the fastest on the track at the end of last year and Aiello is highly rated.

Put the two together and there could be victory

Alain Ménu (Switz)

Age: 35. Team: Ford Mondes

Prospects: Never rule out Ménu, the 1997 champion. Swapped to Mondeo to give Ford the strangest driver line-up and experi-ence coupled with enor-mous talent could still

James Thompson (GB) Age: 24

Team: Honda Accord Prospects: Young gun of touring cars who has never quite fulfilled his polential. The Accord is still developing, like Thompson, but quite capable of procucing victories and podium finish-

Matt Neal (GB)

Age: 32 Team: Team Dynamics. Prospects: Most intrigu-ing of the lot. On for a £250,000 prize if he is the first independent to win a race this season - and he could, given stunning test times. Look out for

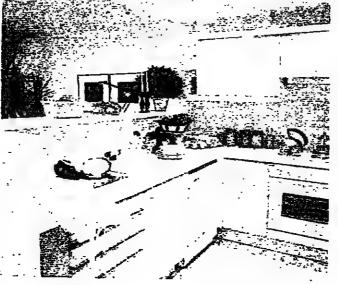


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### BOXING

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CYCLING Road races
TOUR OF FLANDERS (Brugos to Meerbeke 270km) 1. P van Petegem (Bell 6m 15mm, 2. F Vandenbraucke (Bell) at samo timo 3. J Museuw (Bell) 1sec, 4. M Bartok (I) 8sec, 5. 2 Spruch (Pol) 6. 6. M 2berg (Switz) 8 Leading World Cup positions: 1 Van Potegem 128pt; 2. A Tohmit (Bel) 128 3. Spruch 86, 4. E Zabel (Ger) 74, 5. Vandenbroucke 70. 6. Museuw 50. GIRVAN THRIEE-DAY RACE, Scotland: Third stage (72 5 milest 1, J Tanner (Pro Visuon-Panel XI 2m 47mm 32sec, 2. J Baynied (Hamods RT) same brins; 3. C Newton Lunda McCannoy Foods) at 3sec. Overall: 1. G. McCanuby (Team Mon's Health) 5.38.03 2. R Revnolds-Jones (Linda McCannoy Foods) at 3sec. Overall: 1. G. McCausey (Team Mon's Health) 5.38.03 2. R Revnolds-Jones (Linda McCannoy Foods) at 3sec. 3, P Manning (Adicas-SoCon) at 7sec. Road races Sacon) at 7-sec.
TOUR OF THE BORDER FOUR-DAY RACE, Northumberland: Third stage (64 rules) 1. W Winght (Probett Atom Elia RT) 2-36-29; 2. A Jackson (Middingle CRT) at 5-sec. 3. S Ward (Cycla Force) same isme Ovacial 1. D Fon (Kaghlay Composte) 8:33-04, 2. J May (Lemond Cycles) at 45-sec, 3. A Critchlow (Toarn Chewn) at 1.14.

# Time trials

CHARLOTTEVELLE CC (Prvett, Hamp-shire, 50 miles) 1, M Cox (Sotoria CC) 15132, 2, A Ryder (Camel Valley CC) 15238, 3, N Gardiner (Mid Oxon CRT) 15238, 3, N Gardiner (Mid Oxon CRT) 15325 Teem: Challotteville CC 6.13.27 RMYL CC (Denbigh, mountain 3) miles); 1, P Hodgionson (Team Lusso) 1:33:52; 2, D Hitchen (New Brighton CC) 1:34:28; 3, S Huttre (Team Velocity) 1:34:53. Teem: Witterham RC 5:03:55

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One-day internationals

Pakistan A v England

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LAHORE (Painstan A won loss) England best Painstan A by four wokets

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World group: First round: Frankfurt: Germany first to Russa 2-3 (8 Bectas and D Phnosi (Ger) by Y Kaldemikov and A Oftovsky (Russ) 6-7, 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 10-8 Kalelmikov bit T Hasa (Ger) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 M Safin (Russ) bit N Koler (Ger) 7-6, 6-4, 6-4, Ghant Boltourn to Czech Reputsh 2-2 U Nosak and D Rud (Cz) 61 F Dewulf and J van Herot (Bel) 7-6, 6-2, 6-0 C van Garsse (Bel) bit B Ulihrach (Cz) 6-1 6-3, 6-4, A Malsse (Bel) bit S Dosedel (Cz) 3-6, 6-4 6-0, 7-6) Neuchatek Switzerland kad (Jaly 3-1). Mania and M Rosse (Switz) bit S Peccosolicia and L Teleman (I) 7-6, 1-8 7-5, 6-3, D Sanguindh (Ithit I Heubergu 6-3, 3-6, 7-6). Troffishatans: Switzerland kad (Jaly 3-1). Mania and M Rosse (Switz) bit S Peccosolicia and L Teleman (I) 7-6, 1-8 7-5, 6-3, D Sanguindh (Ithit I Heubergu 6-3, 3-6, 7-6). Troffishatans: Switzerland (Swel) bit D Hidav (Slovaka) 6-4, 6-4). Minmes: France lead The Netherlands 3-1 (C Poline and G Reona, (Fr) bit P Haarhuis and J Sermonnk (Neth) 6-4, 5-7, 7-6. 5-7, 6-2 Poline bit Krapost 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 7-6). Leritate Span lost to Bacal 2-3 (G Naufren and J Onans (Br) bit A Coresia and A Costs (Sp) 6-2, 5-7, 4-8, 6-4, 6-3 Kuerten bit C Moza 6-4, 6-1). Hararre: Zimbobwe lost to Australia 1-4 (M Woodforde and T Woodbodge (Aus) bit B Black and W Black (Zm) 6-4 6-3, 6-0. Perfer (Aus) bit B Black of 7-6, 6-2, M Philippoporas; (Aus) bit W Black 6-3, 6-0. Perfer Allen and Consels (Broup one, second round: Locasia (In Almay), New Zealand 3 South Pare 2 (In Almay), Tavera 3 Causta 1 (in Causta), Tavera 3 Challes 1 (in Bootate 1 (in Almay), Tavera 3 (in Bootate 1 (in Almay), Tavera 3 (in Bootate 1 (in Almay), Tavera 3 Challes 1 (in Bootate 1 (in Almay), Tavera 3 (in Bootate 2 (in Buchalas) H Hirgonesis M Hirgonesis M

Safinas)
HILTON HEAD, South Carolina: WTA
Family Circle Cup: Quarter-finels: M Hings
Is (Switz) bt N Zvereva (Bela) 6-0, 7-6. J
Novoma (Ca) bt H Naggova (Stor. alsa) 6-2,
B-4, P Schryder (Switz) bt E Lishoviseva
(Russ) 6-1, 4-6, 7-6. A Nournstova (Russ) bt
A Glass (Ger) 6-2, 2-1, ret Semi-finels:
Hings bt Novotra 6-2, 6-3, Kourni-ova bt
Schnyder 6-7, 6-0, 6-3.

PAKISTAN A
Mohammed Naveed or Fairbrother b Austin 2
Saeed Anwar Jr b Fraser 11
Akintar Sarhaz o Austin b Hock 11
Hasan Raza o Hick b Fraser
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Fassal Igball not out ...
Mohammed Hussan si Stewari b Hick ...
Said Shah e Stewari b Hick ...
Wegar Youns b Eatham ...
Ykanam Airmal e Wels b Eatham ...
Austrag Ahmed e Austin b Hick ...
Shabbir Ahmed b Hick ...
Edras (b 6, w 3, nb 5) ...
Total (15 enement)

Total (35 overs). 121
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-44, 3-57, 4-73, 5-93, 5-112, 7-120, 8-120, 9-121
BOWLING Mulliaby 5-0-17-0, Fraser 9-2-32-2, Austin 5-0-19-1; Hollecake, 7-0-27-0, Hollecake, 14-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-1

Pakistan v India BANGALORE (Pakstan won loss), Paksta beal Inde by 123 runs

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PAICISTAN
Saeed Anwar low b Phasad,
Shariid Affed c Jadeja b Ganguly,
Inzamam-ul-Haq run out,
Inzamam-ul-Haq run out,
Inzamam-ul-Haq run out,
India hammod c Sinnah b Agericar
Wastim Alorem not out,
Arshad Khan not out,
Arshad Khan not out,
India (b S, w 5, b 5)

Total (8 wits, 50 overs) 291
Shoald Adriar did not bal,
FALL OF WICKETS 1-23, 2-29, 3-124,
4-154, 5-27, 6-247, 7-273, 6-275
SOM,ING: Prasad 10-1-37-2 Smoth
10-0-65-1; Agarter 10-1-33-1; Numble
10-0-56-0; Singth 3-0-30-0; Ganguiy 7-0-35-2
INDIA
S C Ganguiy c Moin b Shoald. 13
S Ramesh c Moin b Shoald. 15
S Ramesh c Moin b Shoald. 15

S Remesh & Moin to Shoelb. R Dravid Ibw b Azhar....... A R Khurasia Ibw to Shoelb

Pepsi Cup final

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### RUGBY UNION

### **Tetley's Bitter Cup** Semi-finals chmond: Pen: Vara, Newcastle: Tries marcala 2, Cons. Andrew, Wilderson

35 Gloucester Maspe Wasses Tries: Henderson, Logan, Samp-son, Volley Comst Logan 3 Penst Logan 3. Gloucester: Penst Mapleloft 6 Dropped goal; Sanders HT: 16-12 Att: 10,064 **Allied Dumbar Premiership** 

First division Bath: Tries: Baishaw, penalty iry. Con: Catt Pens: Catt 4 Leicestert Try: Penalty ry Con: Howard Pens: Simpson 3 HT: 98 Att 8,200

30 London trish 27 Sale: Tries: Elis, Greening, Howarth Cons: Howarth 3, Pene: Howarth 2 Dropped goat; Howarth, London Infair Tries: Galapher, Harvey, O'Shea. Cons: Currengham 3, Penes Currengham 2, HT: 20:24, Ast: 3,315

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Northsampton 20 14 0 6 542 418 26
Bath 21 13 0 8 514 433 26
London Irish 23 13 0 10 599 538 26
Saracens 20 12 1 7 563 445 25
Waspe 20 11 1 8 547 382 22
Harlegung 19 10 1 8 479 481 21
- Richmond 19 9 2 8 499 508 18
Gloucester 22 8 1 13 462 513 17
Sale
Gloucester 22 8 1 13 462 513 17
Sale
Waspe 20 7 15 417 555 14
Bedlord 21 5 0 16 422 627 10
W Hartlepton 20 3 1 16 354 731 7

\* Richmond deducted 20ts

\* Richmond deducted 2pts Second division Biackheath 22 Leeds Blackhaeth: Tries: Alben, Booth, Clarke, Cons: Aitken, Amor Pers, Adven Leeds: Tries: S Esslerby, Founa, James, Michieron, H Othere, Scales Come: Turpulotu 2. Pen: Turpulotu HT: 5-13

Bristol: Tries: Nabaro 3, Baber 2, Al Cherros, Gabey, Hull Const: Hutl 3 Perc Hull.
Rugby: Try: Bale Cont: M Davies. Penst: M Davies 2 HT: 22-3 Att: 2,515 20 Exeter

Coventry: Tries: Crofts, Curits, Cons: Gaugh 2. Pens: Gaugh 2. Excher: Tries: Rose, Wells: Pens: B Essaon. HT: 14-8 Moseley: Tries: Brading, Martin. Con: A Blans. Pens: A Blans 2. Wordester: Try: Goodwin. Con: J Lifey Pens: J Lifey 3. HT: 10-6

18 London Weish 15 Ornell Orrelt: Triest Johnson, Lacey Cost: Ver-Johas, Pene: Vertockas 2 London Welsh: Triest Lune, Rowland Philips, T Shankin. NT: 7-15 Att. 750

43 Fylde Rotherbase: Tries: Las. Parr. Schmid. Shepherd, Sricker, Wade, West Come: Nar-chos 4. Fylde: Try: O'Toole Com: Loston Pense: Lodon 3. HT: 28-10

Waterloc 20
Waterloc Try: Breheny Pener Ashtorth
3. Waterloc: Tries: Holl, Stewert. Contex L.
Griffiths 2. Pener L. Griffiths 2. HT: 8-13 Attr
500

Worcester deducted 2pts "Worcester deducted 2pts
LEADHIG SCORERS: 255: S Gough (Coventry, 9 tres. 39 conversions, 44 penalty goals) 216: S Tuppuloty (Leeds, 3L 28c, 49pg), 137: B Easten (Exeler, 1), 30c, 44pg) 183: L Griffers (Waterloo, 2, 21c, 43pg) 183: MChemes (Rughy 2, 19c, 35og) 141: R Le Bas (Worcester, 4I, 23c, 25pg), 138: J Livley (Worcester, 11, 11c, 37pg) 137: P Hull (Bristot 4, 30c, 19pg) 136: S Verbuckes (Ornet, 41, 16c, 28pg) 174:ex; 15: B Wade (Romerham) 13: A Currier (London Wetsh, D Lax (Rotherham) 12: A Larion (Bristof).

### Jewson National League

First division Camberley: Try: Stater Penes: G Grappry 3 Harrogate: Triess Fantar 2, McClaren Cons: Choleva 2, McClaren Pene Choleva, HT; 3-10.

Henley: Tries: Ayres, Davies, R Osman, Roke, J Sampson, Sharp, M Vermer, Cones; Roke 2, Liverpool St H: Try; Wood, Pens Worsley, HT: 12-8, Att; 550. Lydney 6 Rossiyn Park 6 Lydney: Pens: Osborne 2 Rossiyn Park; Pens: T Knowles 2 HT: 3-3

Mortey 25 B'sam/Solithuli 10 Mortey: Tries: Neivelure, A Sales, Tifen, Cons: Barnber 2 Pens: Barnber 2 B'ham/ Sollihulit Try: Allen, Cont: M Sirch, Pen: M Birch, HT: 17-3.

66 Reading Ottey

SECOND DIVISION MORTH: Aspairs 20 Sheffield 22. New Brighton 44 Whitchusch 27, Preston Grassfroppers 57 Handday 11, Stoutondge 18 Nental 15; Walkall 24 Sedgley Park 10; Whintington Park 6 Sandal 53 Postporred: Nursetton V Lichfield, Second division south: Barking 66 Reductiv 20; Bridgwaler 48 Mej Police-17; Challenham

33 Bridgend Memport: Tries: Gray, Popham, D Smith, Snow, M Walkins, Conex Mitchell 4, HT: 5-0.

First division

Abertiliery 24 Liandovery Abertifiery: Tries: Miles, penelty try, D Williams, Wright Cons: Witters 2 Llandovery: Try: M Morgan Con: Hencox. Pees: Hancox 4. HT: 10-9

39 Liverpool SLH B

Manchester 26 Newbury 31 Manchester Tries: Swindella, Wilfarns Cons: Swindella 2 Pener Swindella 4, New-bury: Tries: Blains 2, Curis, Howe, Hyde. Cons: Graham 3, HT: 20-12 25 Bitam/Solihuli 10

Nottingham 39 Wherfedale 7 Nottingham: Tries: Free 2, Bradley, Dela-rey, Lleyd. Con: C Afforson, Peess C Atian-son 4. Wharfedale: Try: Mounsey. Con: Peers. HT: 20-7

15 Heveni 12, Cition 89 Tabard 20, Esher 33 Norwich 0, North Walshert 43 Weston-super-Mare 17, Prymouth 12 Bracknell 64

Welsh League

Premier division 13 Ebbw Vale 24 Camphilly: Try: Write. Con: Davey.
Pens: Davey 2. Edw Vale: Tries: Harries,
Lievely 1. Con: Strange Pens: Strange 3.
Dropped goet: Strange. HT: 10-6.
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10 Lianetti 83 Absravoa 16
Lianetti 83 Absravoa 16
Lianetti Tries: Proctor 3, Pinau 2, I Boobyer, Brooth, J Davies, Hodges, Jeridins, M Thomas, Voyle, Warlow, Conest S Jones 6, Hayward 3 Absravon: Try: C Ress. Cone C Rees. Pent C Rees. HT: 21-10.

Neath 53 Portyridid 31
Neath Tries: 2 persky fits, Colderley, G
Evans, Gerraid, S Williams. Coas: M
Pearce 4 Penss: M Pearce 4 Dropped
goat: M Pearce Postyridid: Tries: Alan
Griffiths, Paul John, Geraint Lewis, Morgan,
Williams Const: Wystl 3, NT: 23-24.

| Show, M Wallands, Corest Microsia 4, No.2 - 54, No.2 - 14, No.2 - 15, No.2 - 16, No.2 - 16, No.2 - 17, No.2

Bonymeen 23 UWIC 3
Bonymeen Tries: Batslord, Dan Hawkins, Corr. G Jones Penist C Jones 2 UWIC: Pen: Weish HT: 8-3

26 Tredegar

Durwant: Tries: Hewtons, KRs, Manaseria-Rees: Cons: Daniel 3, Tredeger: Try: C Thomas: Con; M Jones: Pens: M Jones 2 HT: 7-7. 10 Bleckwood Mansteg: Try: M Morgan Core: R Davies, Perr: R Davies Bleckwood: Tries: Veater 2, D Thomas, Willishre, Cons: Brown 2 Perr: Brown HT: 3-17.

Marthyr 41 S Wales Police 20 Marthyr: Tries: Berwood, M Daves, J Lloyd, Morgan, Soldi, R Williams Cons: Bryent 3, J Lloyd Pent Bryant, S Wales Police: Tries: 41 S Wales Police 20 Loya Perk Ciryan, S Wasse Poetos Iries: Apsee, Gronow, penally by Cox: Sparrow Dropped goal; S Prichard, HT: 12-3. Newbridge 24 Cross Keys 18 Newbridge: Tries: Lucas, Penyment, M Smith, Cone: Williams 2 Peac Williams Cross Keys: Try: Nicholis, Conc Cooper, Pen. Cooper, HT: 14-10

34 Runney Yondu Tendu: Tries: Armstrong, K Hocking, Howels, Thomas, Welsh, Come: Welsh 2, Howels, Pear: Welsh, Russray: Tries: P Bowcott 2, Con: Device, HT; 19-0. Trearchy 17 Postypool 20 Trearchy: Tries: Moris, Oven, Cons: Langment 2 Pert Langment Pertypool Tries: Juniors, Sitra, M Variacia, Cort: Siva, Dropped goot: Sitva, HT: 17-5.

SECOND DIVISION: Liaminiami 20 Moun-ten Aet 22 Celudele 41 Natherith 17: Rhym-ney 20 Liaminiami 12; St Peter's 16 Aberro non 19: Tenby Utd 86 Pyln 5; Wrednem 29 Kenfig Hill 24; Ystradgyvisis 25 Whitland 12 Anglo-Welsh club matches Success 12 London Scot 2?
Success 12 London Scot 2?
Success Tries: S Davies, penalty by
Cost Back, London Scot; Penal De Beer
7. Dropped genile: De Beer, McAustand,
HT: 5-12.

W Hertlepool 26 Cardiff 50
W Hartlepool: Tries: Benson, Fenel,
Webb, Com Benson, Penel: Benson 3 Cardiff: Tries: Morgan 3, Botham, Jarvis, R
Jones, Come; Botham 2, Jarvis 2 Penel:
Jarvis 4, HT: 16-14, Att: 800

Tennent's Velvet Cup Semi-finals Boroughessie: Triest Cadrow, C Howarth Core C Howarth Pent C Howarth Kelsac: Triest K Aberts 3, Ross, Rutherford Cores: Acheson 3 Penat Atcheson 2. Dropped goal: Archeson HT: 3-22 Att: 1,500 Gala.

22 College Triest Perker, C. Townsend, Pents: Parker & Metroset Triest M Brown, McGar-ve, Morris Conta McGarva 2, Pent McGar-ve, HT: 20-8

Tennent's Velvet Premiership First division

Currie 10 W of Scotland 29 Curries Tries: Reed, Snedden, West of Snotland: Tries: McInroy 2, Curris, McLeod. Come Curie 3, Pere Curis, MT: 5-8.

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Conse Curris 3. Piere Curris. HT: 5-8.
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Wetsontame 7 Heart Decision, S. Hastings, Rayburn, J. Weston. Comis. Adchison 2. Penase Alichison 3. Dropped goal: Alichison. HT: 25-0.
THIRD DWISSION: East Killonde 38 Stewart's Mel FP 17.
Alis LEAGUE 11 Frait divisions: Cork Consultation 21 Ballymene 12. Second divisions: Deny 46 Dolphin 9, Dungamon 24 Bachee Rangers 29. Old Bevedere S7 IUC 29. Old Crescord 17 Gesystones 20: Secries 22 Bellymethrach 6; Wandsters 38 Portadown 12. FRENCH CHAMPIONSHEP: Pool one: Bourgoin 12 Toulouse 12. Agen 13 Biantiz 29. Pool bros: Colomiers 30 Starte Français 29. Pool bros: Colomiers 30 Starte Français 29. Pool bros: Colomiers 30 Starte Français 22. Nationne 39 Pau 5 Pool three: Cesteres 33 Popugnat 22, Dax 3 Béglez-Bordeaux 20. Pool from: Montferrand 48 Gernoble 23. Toulon 25 Bave 22.
SUPER 12 TOURNAMENT: Setunday: New South Wales 20 Auckland 21: Wellcato 16 Diago 27. Coestat Starte 18 Wellington 34 Western Stormers 35 Queensland 14, Golden Cets 57 Northern Buils 24.
WORLD CUP QUALIPYING MATCH: Prist count, second leg: South Korea win 108-45 on aggl.
IRB-FRA WORLD JURNOR CHAMPION-SHP: First division: George 15 Poland 23. Japan 24 Utraine 0, Chile 0 Scottand 45, Romana 16 England 27, Ireland 20 South Africa 27; New Zealand 25 Wales 0 Second division: Tawan 17 The Netherlands 10 Second division: Tawan 17 The Netherlands 12. Create 19 Bazai 19, Mory Coest 6 Morroco 9: Limembourg 8 Andorra 21



Julius Ruto, the Kenya distance runner, celebrates crossing the line in the Paris marathon yesterday. His winning time of 2hr 8min 10sec set a new record for the event

### ATHLETICS:

Road running

PARIS MARATHONE Mess: 1, J Ruto (Kert)
27 Bran 10sac; 2, P Kpsambu (Kert)
208.25; 3, M Kalombo (JRC) 208.40; 4, F
(Borop Fuer) 208.45; 5, E Lagai (Kert)
208.50, Women: 1, C Costes (Forn)
228.10; 2, I Turnoleyeve (Fuer) 227.43; M Yemanuch (Japan) 229.55; 4, A Tecusa
(Flori) 230.14, 5, S Salou (Flori) 230.56. M Yemanuchi (Japan) 228.52; 4, A Teouta (Rom) 230.14, 5, S Statu (Rom) 230.56.

NEWPORT, GWENT: Newport 10 saless.

1, D Roson (Indipend) 49mn 57sec, 2, S Tobin (Swarses) 50.38; 3, P Cook (Barry & Vale) 5241. Teens: 1, Neeth; 2, Sen Domen-co; 3, Les Croupers; Veteranic: 1, H Day Portypritid Rodents) 54.58; 2, K Witenson (San Domentoo) 55.47; 3, B Johnston (Les Croupers) 5600 Owe-50: J Porton (Pontyprid Rodents) 55.56. Veteranis teens: San Domentoo Ower-50: J Porton (Rodents) 59.33. Wossan: 1, D Cheverton (Newport) 100.34; 2, S Bretherick (Preself) 101-41. 3, G Edwards (Les Croupers) 10807. Teenses: 1, Les Croupers STOCKLEY PARK, Heyes: Pures TVH road relayer blen (5 x 3.7 miles): 1, Aldensot, 1, Porton (Pontyprid Rodents) 1, Pontyprid 1, 1971. (S. Nere Valley Harriers 1, 37.16. Fastest lepe: 1, B Whitzy (Hounstow) 17:00 2, M Farah Rhourstow) 17:13, 3, B First (Alderstot, Farnham and District Story (Hounstow) 17:10 - 37 miles): 1, Nere Valley Harriers 56.28, 2, Herrow 57-43, 3, Alderstot, Farnham and District Story Festest lape: 5 Ker (London Insh) 18:39. Women (3 c 3 7 miles): 1, Nere Valley Harriers 108:07. Festest lape: 1, Ducky (Hounstow) 108:07. Festest lape: 1, Ducky (Houstow) 108:07. Festest lape: 1, Ducky (Houstow) 108:07. Festest lape: 1, Ducky (Hounstow) 108:07. Pestest lape: 1, Ducky (Hounstow) 108:07 (Morpeth) 32:20 Teams New Marske 77pts. Veterans: A Livingsion (New Marske) 34:07. Over-50: N Soutton (Scarborough) 36:15. Over-50: Barnes (Darbryon) 35:5. Worders 1. K Matthew (Ntddesbrough and Cleveland) 35:59 (source record), 2, R Whywerd (Darbert Cely) 39:49; 3, R Adams (Elvel Stickers) 41:56.

Cleveland 35:59 (course record), 2, R Whylerd (Durbarn Cey) 38:49, 3, R Adams (Elvel Striders) 41:55.

POLICESTONE: Cerf Temple 10 shites: 1, 8 Royden (Machesy) 5 fmm 19sec; 2, C Lawlence (underlied) 53:05, 3, J Creane (London Inst) 53:15, Temple 10 shites: 1, 8 Royden (Machesy) 5 fmm 19sec; 2, C Lawlence (underlied) 55:12, Over-50: M Rouse (Innota East Kern) 57:12, Over-50: M Rouse (Innota East Kern) 57:12, Over-50: E Campbell (Place Road Runners) 1:07:17, Wanner: 1, S Eastell (S Edmunds Pacons) 1:02:20; 2, J Feaser (Innited East Marth 1:02:20; 2, J Feaser (Innited East Marth 1:03:52; 3, S Martin-Clarine (Dardon) 1:05:48, Veteranc: A Dyett (Dardon) 1:15:18, November 1:05:48, Veteranc: A Dyett (Dardon) 1:15:18, November 1:05:48, Veteranc: A Dyett (Dardon) 1:15:18, November 1:05:48, S Resherted (March 1:18) 1:10 (Lesser 1:05:48, S Resherted (Darfon) 1:2:33 Teems: 1, Darfon) 1:2:45; 3, S Rusherted (Darfon) 1:2:35 Teems: 1, Darfon) 1:14 (March 1:18) 1:14 (March 1:1

### Z Hannam (Bracknell Forest) 1:01:36. Taxas: Reading Road Runners 578. Fell running

Fell running

HOFFWICH, Lancastrine: Walsh Rivington Pites race (325M, 700f); Merz 1, N Willemson (Safford) 17/min 15sec, 2, C Roberts (Kendal) 17/32; 3, J Taylor (Bingley) 17-48; 5, S Olofield (Bradford Airedale, M40) 175-5; 6, M Cayton (Homert, U29) 18-08, 7, R Jectson (Safford) 18:13; 8, S Williams (Safford, M40) 18:76; 9, S Outstew (Howwich) 18:26; 10, N Leigh (Attrichem) 18:26; 10, N Leigh (Attrichem) 18:39, Over-55; K Burgess (Almotham) 22:49, Over-55; K Burgess (Almotham) 22:49, Over-56; K Burgess (Almotham) 22:49, Over-56; B Flodgers (Hombam) 18:59, Over-56; B Flodgers (Hombam) 18:50, Over-56; B Flodgers (Hombam) 19:57, Over-56; B Flodgers (Hombam) 19:57, Over-56; B Flodgers (Hombam) 19:57, Over-56; B Flodgers (Hombam) 19:10, Over-5

Track and field

Track and field
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18 Jasec 300mr. A Stochle (Enfield and Haringey)
18 Jasec 300mr. A Tanner (Enfield and Haringey)
18 Ja. 1,000mr. S Cantington (Enfield and Haringey)
19 Ja. 200m (Enfield and Haringey)
39 3. Womer: 150mr. C Mannary (Wood-lord Green and Essex Ladies)
19.8. 200mr. R Oscillera (Havering Mayestrook)
196 4 J. 200mr. L Novo (Enfield and Haringey)
19.8. 301.7. 300m hundler. D Kanney
(Woodlord Green and Essex Ladies)
47.8.

4-281, BOMING: Wager Young 10-0-47-0; Sayd Sheh 9-1-52-1; Shabbir Ahmed 10-0-68-0;

exustracy Ammed 10-0-56-1; Mona/Infred Ft sain 10-1-49-2; Sared Armer Jr 1-0-14-0

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Seturday: Birmingham Bulies 82 Greater London Leopards 74: Derby Storm 85 Letossier Riders 87: Themes Valley Topers 112 Chester Jets 100; Worthing Bears 88 Newcastle Eagles 100. Yesterday: Greater London Leopards 98 London Towers 88.

Sminighem 54 Normampion 60.
WOMEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Final:
Cheimstord 39 Wandsworth 60.
JUNIOR MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Final:
Birminghem 66 Eating 61.
CADET MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Final: CADET MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Final: London T 64 Northempton 54. JUNIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Final: Sheffield H 72 Ware 21. CADET WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Final: Ware 43 Stockport 68 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Frickly: Boston 63 Milwaulses 84: Philadelphie 60 Cleveland 85, Atlanta 84 Vancouver 81, Indians 67 Charlotte 81, Minnesota 107 Denver 88; Los Angoles Lakers 91 Proemx 90; Orlando 115 Chicago 68, Ualh 92 Golden State 85, Portland 107

Total (4 wide, 50 overs) 291
A J Holicoke, M A Eathern, 1 D Austin, A R C
Freser and A D Mutally did not bat,
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-161, 2-186, 3-221.
4-281. Total (42.1 overs) 168
FALL OF WICKETS 1-5, 2-41, 3-44, 4-56
5-63, 6-104, 7-131, 8-135, 9-135,
BOWLING Wasern Alvarn 6-0-37-1, Shoab
Adriar 8-3-22-2, Achae Mahmood 10-1-38-5,
Sagton Mushkag 9,1-2-29-1, Arsnad Phan
6-0-23-0, Shahad Ahrd 3-0-14-0
Umpress 5 Venikatisanghayan

### BASKETBALL

Seattle 95. Saturday: New Jersey 68 Marril 77; Toronto 87 Washington 85. Detrot 77 Orlando 92; Merresola 105 Sacremento 96; San Antonio 103 Los Angeles Clappers 82; Golden State 81 Los Angeles Laken, 76, Portland 98 Phoenix 93. Eastern Conference

Indiana Milwaukee Detroit Alfanta Toronio Cleveland Chariotie Chicago 11 12 13 13 14 15 18 23 8 10 10 13 22 24 26 Litah Houston San Antonio Mirresola Dallas Denver Vancouve

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### **GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD**

### TODAY FOOTBALL

" denotes all-ticket Pools coupon numbers in brackets FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP (2) Coventry v Southampton ... (3) Everton v Sheff Wednesday (4) Middlesbrough v Wimbledon (5) Newcastle v Tottenham (7 45)

### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION (8) Birmingham v Wallord ... (9) \* Botton v Stockport .

### SECOND DIVISION (20) Sostol R v Northampion

(29) Wycombe v Gillingham... THURD DIVISION (39) Brentord v Plymouth
(50) \*Carotif v Hult
(31) Chester v Barnet
(32) Evster v Leyton Chent
(33) Hailia v Rochdate (1 0)
(34) \*Peterborough v Danngton
(35) Bruherham v Swansea (35) Rotherham v Swansea (36) Scarborough v Carlisle Suansea (37) Southend v Scunthorpe (7 45) ...... (38) Torcular v Mansheld

### SCOTTISH LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Mare v Newport AFC
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division:
Bambes Bridge v Accomption Stanley (7:30).
Chorley v Lancaster, Colwyn Bay v Attincham, Emiley v Guseley, Frickley v Spennymoor, Gareshead v Brigh Spanans Hyde v
Whitby, Leigh Rhill v Manne, Rundom v Winslord, Worksop v Gainsborough First division Alfreton v Burscough; Astion United v
Droyleden, Fassley Colic v Bradford Pk. Ave.
Great Hanvisod v Congleton, Hampaie
Cown V Radickite, Huckhall Town v Eastwood Town Mailock Town v Beget Town,
Slocksbridge PS v Lincoln United, Trafford v
Fluton; Whitey Bay v Greina; Albion v Nethcaffeld kendal

LEAGUE OF WALLES, VAIN DOO Y Carmarthen Town (2.30), Caemarion v Bangor
City (2.30), Caersivs v Newtown (2.30), Connan's Ousy v Holywell (2.30), Haverfordwest v Aberyshwith (2.30), Rhayeder Town v
TNS (2.30), Phyl v Conwy (2.30),
SMIRNOFF IRESH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bellymena v Omagh; Colarane v
Newry

ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Bedington Temers v Mor-peth Town, Jarrow Roofing v Billingham. Marske v Gustorough WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: Premier WINSTONLEAD ICENT LEAGUE: Premier division: Cray v Beat Learner, lead v Ramsgale. Greenwich v Entir, Heme Bay v Whuskable Town, Hythe v Tunbridge Wells; Lordswood v Chatham, VCD v Thansemed. SCREWFOX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bistop Sutton v Tiverion: Maksham v Bamstapie, Pautton R v Odd Down. Taunton v Bndgweier, Yeovil TR v Bideford

# set ambury vi coolingon COURAGE COMBENED COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier divisione AFC Weilingtord v Hartley Winney, Ash v Chessington and Hook; Ashtord v Bedforn; Cobhan v Westfeed Cranleigh v Fetham, Godalming and Cubicliond v Netherns, Mestfaun v Mesham, Raynes Park Vale v Reading Town; Sendhurst v Cove, Wang Sports v Farrham, Walton Casualt; v Chipstead

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTES LEAGUE: Premier division: Des v Wat-ton, Felvstowe Port and Town v Stowmer-les, Great Yarmouth v Gorleston: Histon v Warboys, ipswich v Harwich and Parkeston: Lowestoft v Woodbridge Town, Majdon v Haistead; Newmarket v Bury Town, Scham v Dy, Sudbury Town v Sudbury Wanderers. JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First divi-JEWSON WESSER LEAGUE: PARK USE sion: AFC Newbury v Thalcham Lown Tot-ton v BAT, Bournemouth v Christchurch; Brockenhural v Lymington and New Miton, Downton v Wimborne; East Cowes v Cowes Sports; Gosport v Fareham; Hamble ASSC v Eastleight; Portsmouth v Money Fields: Whitcharch v Bementon Health.

Whitcharch v Bernehoff Healt.

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier divisions Backstone v
Bourne, Cogarinoe v Wetingborough; Desborough v S and L Corby: Eynesbury v St
Neots: Ford Sports v Long Buckty: Holbeach v Boston Nempoton v Wootlon, Stolfold v Poton, Yasfey v Spaking
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUEPremier divisions Annot Town v Potentia. Premier dhysion: Annoid Town v Pckering, Buston v Osseti Albon; Hallarii v Glass-houchton Weltare, North Ferritry v Ec-cleshal, Osseti Town v Brog Town; Ponte-tract Cols v Garforth Town; Selby v Livarsedge NORTH WESTERN TRAINS LEAGUE:

NORTH WESTERM INDINS LEAGUE:
First division: Attenton LR v Amenton Collenes; Boodle v Prescot Cables: Glossop
North End v Mossley; Maker Old Boys v
Vloriongron, Leek CSOB v Nantonch Town;
Newcastle Town v Nidsgrove, Rossendale v
Ramsbottom, Safford v Marne Road; St Helens Town v Steirnersdale, Vaunhall G M v
Chasefie

# RUGBY LEAGUE

POOTBALL UEFA CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Atleboo Macind v Parma (6.30). Maneriles v Bologna (7.45).

(7.45)
MATTONWEDE LEAGUE: Second divi-sion: Bournemouth villactics teld (7.45), Li-ton v York (7.45); Walsali v Wrednam (7.45), Third division: Brighton v Cambridge Utd (7.45), Shrewsbury v Hetelepool (7.45), BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH FRE-MIER LEAGUE: Dundee Utd v Heans (7.45). SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Clydebarik v Greenool, Marian.

NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP: Bramley v Doncaster (7 30) WEDNESDAY POOTBALL

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Hakax v Saford

### NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Forest Green v Wolding (7 45) RUGBY LEAGUE JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Huddersfield Castlelord (7:30)

**RUGBY UNION** 

Leicesier v West Ham: Middleebrough v Chartron
NATONWIDE LEAGUE: First division:
Bamsley v Tranmere Bradford v Portsmouth, Bristol City v Grimsby, Crewe v Port 
Vale, Odord Utid v Bury Ousers Park Rangers v West Bromwich, Stockport v Shelfield 
Utid Sundertand v Hudderslield, Swindon v 
Brimnigham, Waltord v Bollon; Wolverhampton v Crystal Palace. Second division: 
Blackpord v Reseding, Colchester v Walsall 
Fullram v Wigan, Macclestield v Presion, 
Manchester Cay v Lincoln, Northampson v 
Luton, Notts County v Chesterfield; Olcham 
v Burnley; Stoke v Bristol Rovers; Wredham 
v Wycombe, York v Milwell. Third division: 
Bamel v Scarborough, Cambridge Utid v 
Halface, Carfisla v Peterborough, Dallin gton 
v Torquey; Hartiappol v Chester, Hull v Ereter, Leyton Onant v Cardiff, Mansfeld v ANGLO-WELSH CLUB MATCH: Cardiff v THURSDAY FOOTBALL

CRICKET UNIVERSITY MATCHES: First day of three: Fermer's: Cambridge University v Lancashire. The Perks: Oxford University v

FOOTBALL

RUGBY UNION A INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: France v Scotland (at Bourges, 7.0), freland v Raly, Wales v England (at Witedham FC, 7.30) UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: France v Scotland (al Vienne, 5 0); treland v traly, Wales v England (al Neeth, 2 30)

RUGBY LEAGUE JJB SUPER LEAGUE: London v St Helens

SATURDAY FOOTBALL Not-of 3.0

Forest Green
NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Hednestord v Berrow, Lesk v Hayes; Morecambe v
Kidderminster; Northwich v Tellord; Steverege v Dover, Welling v Southport; Woking v
Famborough,
TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-fimat: Celtic v Dundee Uid (at lord).

BANK OF SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-fimat: Celtic v Dundee Uid (at lord). BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH PRE-MIER LEAGUE: Kilmamock v Aberdeen, Motherwell v Dundee. Motherwell v Duridee.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Astdre v Falluri, Clydebank v Hamilton; Ratih v
Hiberman, St. Mirren v Greenock Morton.
Stranser v Ayr Becond division: Allo v Artbroath: Forfar v Queen of South; Inveness
CT v String, Lwingston v Clyde, Partick, v
East Fite Third division: Brechin v Albon.
Cowdenkeath v Duriberron, East String v
Berwick: Queen's Park v Montrose, Siennousemur v Ross County

Halifer, Carfesle v Peterborough, Dalin gron v Torquey, Hartispool v Chester, Hull v Exe-ter, Leyton Onent v Cardiff, Mansfield v Southend, Plymouth v Brighton, Rochdels v Rotherham, Sounthorpe v Brentford. FA UMBRO TROPHY: Semi-finels, Brist leg; kingstoman v Chettenham, St Albans v Forest Green

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: beland v italy ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: SecWELSH LEAGUE: First division: Cross Keys v Abertillery (2:30) AIB LEAGUE: Second division: Ballynehi-nch v Old Wesley (2:30) Dolphin v Malone (2:30), Porladown v Old Belvedere (2:30)

**FOOTBALL** 

### RUGBY UNION LLOYDS ITSE FIVE NATIONS CHAMPI-ONSHIP: Wales v England (at Wembley, 4 0)

AtB LEAGUE: First division: Galvagians v Ballymena (2.30) Second division: Bectwe Rangers v Derry (2.30), DLSP v Old Crescent (2.30), Greystones v Sunday's Well (2.30), UCC v Skemes (2.30)

### RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford v Wakefield (6.0): Huddersfield v Hull, Sallord v field (6 0): Huddorsfield v Hull, Saltord v Castlelord; Shelfield v Leeds (3 35). Wigan v Warmigton. NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP: Ber-ley v Rochaele Bramley v Oldham (12 0) Doncaster v York, Hull KR v Whitehaven. Hursiel v Dewsbury; Keighley v Widnes, Lancashne Lyna v Leegh, Swimton v Banow. Workington v Featherstone

Nick-off 3.0 unless stated (5) Notingham F v Liverpool ...... (7) West Ham v Charlton .....

(21) Burnley v Colchesier (22) Chesterfield v Stoke (23) Lincotn v Notis County....... (27) Wigan v Oldham

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE (43) Keltering v Stevenage...... 

## (---) Dumbarton v Cowdenbeath ..... ...

# RYMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aldershot Town v Basingstoke. Billercay v Heydridge, Bishop's Stortlord v Boreham Wood (al Hischin Town), Chesham v Aylesbury, Grassend v Bornley, Hempton v Walton and Hersham, Purilest v Dagenham and Redondge, Sough v Dutwich, St. Albans v Benield, Sation United v Carshallon. First division: Barton Rovers v Hischin, Bognor Regs v Worthing, Brailurise v Carnwy Island, Oxford City v Madenhead, Pomford v Grays, Weeldstone v Benchamsted: Whyteleale v Molessy; Yeading v Urbindge Benond division: Chalind St Peter v Windsor and Eton, Harthow v Barking, Harthord v H Hempstead: Horsham v Banstead, humgerford v Abengdon Town, Leighton Town v Bedford T; Northwood v Edyware, Thame Uld v Markoy, Wiltham v Wivenhoe; Wokingham v Brachnell Third division: Epsom and Ewel v Tibury. LEAGUE OF WALES: Alan Lido v Carmanten Town (230), Caemarlon v Bangos

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SCHWEPPES ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUEPremier division: Bremwood v Elon Manor, Concord Rangers v Bowers United, East
Ham v Blord, Great Wakening v Southerd
Manor, Hufbridge Sports v Basidon U; Saiiron Walden v Burnham Ramblers, Stansted
v Sawbridgeworth.

v Sawbridgeworth.
COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENIC
LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon v
North Leigh Almondsbury v Farford Hallen
v Biogster, Harrow Hill v Didcot; Kiribury v
Tuffey

# MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MID-LANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mil-Ion Keynes v New Bradwell St Peter; Somer-

REDCAR: Sydates 10ton: 1, T Wall (Mor-peth) 30mm 40sec (course record), 2, J Lews (Sunderland) 32.11, 3, A Henderson

BANKS'S BRIEWERY LEAGUE: Precifer division: Eungshal v Bustleholme, Gornal A v Tipton Town: Luciow T v Stafford T

### JJB Super League Hull v Sheffield (1230) Leeds v London (3.0) St Helens v Bradford (3.0) Wakefield v Wigan (3.30) Warmigton v Geleshead (3.0) Northern Ford Premiership

OTHER SPORT SNOOKER: British Open (In Phymouth). TOMORROW

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Assertal v Blackburn (7 45). Leicester v Asion Vifa (7.45)

EUROPEAN CUP: Serd-linats, first log: Dynamo Kiev v Bayem Munch (7 45), Man-chester Utd v Juventus (7 45)

CUP WENNERS' CUP: Semi-finals, first lag: Chalses v Real Malorca (7 45); Loko-motiv Moscow v Lazio (7 30) NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Herelard v Kingstonian (7 45)

FRIDAY NATIONWEDE LEAGUE: Second division Galengham v Bournemouth (7 45) Third divi-sion: Swansea v Strewabury (7.45).

CHELTENHAM AND GLOUCESTER CUP: Finst: Gloucester v Bedford (at Northampton, 7 45).

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Vila v Southampton; Derby v Notingham Forest.

LLOYDS TSB FIVE NATIONS CHAMPI-

LIB SUPER LEAGUE: Gateshoad v Hali-OTHER SPORT BOXING: Manchester Arena: WBO teather weight title: N Harned (Sheffield, holder) v P Ingle (Scarborough). IBO featherweight ti-tle: J Jones (US) v R Evalt (Coventry) BASKETBALL: Budweiser Championship ptay-olf, first leg

RUGBY LEAGUE

### SUNDAY

FA CUP: Semi-limats: Manchester Utid v Ar-sensi (a) Villa Park, 12.30); Newcastle v Tot-tenham (a) Old Tratford, 3 (i) FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Everton v Coventry (3 (i)), Wimbledon v Chelsea (3 (ii)) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First divisions Norwich v Ipswich (1.0). TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-limat SI Johnstone v Rangers (a) Cetuc Park, 6 (05)

Kick-off 3 0 unless stated

l Wobbles on the ice (5) 4 Private Brahms collection note manuscript omitted a cer-

tain instrument (9) 9 Something lacking in bit of gen about swagger ruler's adopted (11)

15 Sculptor has two pupils with nothing to give at first (9) 16 Almost mention bird — it's

been plucked (7) 17 Unlikely to scan text of this poetry in English? (4.5)

18 Question editor briefly expanded that one was meant to answer (4,4,13)

19 Allow to stay or go (5) 20 Signs of one about to invade subcontinent? (7) 22 Salvo initially let off - that's

by the way (8) 23 Go to meet the French representative - one may shed some light (6-4)

26 Seeing examination I sent, or amended text? (11)
28 French painter's right to enter

29 Fish left in a hat? (7) 30 Characters retreating from sanity can ultimately show

32 Honestly, it's going like a rocket (8.2)

34 Conductor of opera doubled popular backing (9)

37 Saying one should recycle

25 Continut a navourite — on a charge (10)

27 Beat the opposition in pool

39 One's soon to start at Cambridge — Jesus, perhaps? (7.4) 41 Type of excellent textbook (5,6) 42 Simple psychology practised in lexicographers' symposium? (4.11)

43 Misses Italian style? (9) 45 Regretting having a record sent in written in verse (10) 47 Economist in town — poet's

50 Essayist previously appearing in supplement, one particular

52 Leading light in astronomy (7) 53 Attraction for punters making tracks for France (6.2,3)

55 A tour's been organised for coastal community (10) 57 Look up perhaps, and goggle, catching sharp swerve, doing

U-turn (4-4) 59 One has a role to play, wearing deerstalker (3-4) 61 SA currency certainly includes

62 Giving in, cable most reliable

conductor? (4.2,5.10) 64 Orator, if I got upset, provided stronger justification (1.8)

65 Is one Liberal returning after brief time in Georgian town? 66 Less likely to have complaints

to cope with (9) 67 Submarine was first given rust-protection (11)

68 Rouse the head, offering a biscuit (6.3)

69 Part for piano Tchaikovsky had to score (5)

DOWN

1 Socialist's dispute with one replacing a native species? (3.8) Agreement pet's secured on lead? (9)

3 Composer to gratify fully — one's enthralled (5) 4 Trooper, one captured by European, having turned up over

old port (10) 5 So strong accents are more widespread? (7) 6 Go along with what pianist

may do (9) Remarkable first half for soccer side is almost a turning-8 Patter I do is endless grist for

the mill (15) 9 Describing work on bridge, start the game holding no trumps (6)

10 Peter's contributed to this building's security system (4,7) 11 Someone fancying a kipper?

12 New Year, 1793? (13.8) 13 Target man for abuse? She

may (9) 14 Mark repeated the old nonsense (2.3)

21 Wouldn't this CO have given orders? (13,8) One type of decoration individual's put round an evergreen

25 Commit a favourite - on a

tournament (7) 29 Tree absorbs first bits of extra special mulch in soil (8) 31 Retreat, with urge to make sav-

ings (4,3) 33 Brolly a man's furled in an unusual way (10) 35 From a part of Southern Eu-

rope, not originally from Northern Asia (7) 36 Force company to take on importing "modified" rice (8)
37 One obliged to look to Labour

for support (4.5)

38 Approval given after change of address (3,5.7) 40 Prompt insurance report on

fire? (7) It's typical of an index to show accelerating growth (11) Remark made, giving notice?

(11) 48 Close examination of cartoons - every one pillorying Right

49 Type of sculpture — it's set up

in cattle wagon (7.3)
51 Friction caused by bill in club on the way? (9) Seaside ice-cream - last spe-

cial one in stock (9) Extreme right-winger writing about a one-time archbishop

56 Set free, getting tight, apparently! (7) 58 Political satire needing revi-

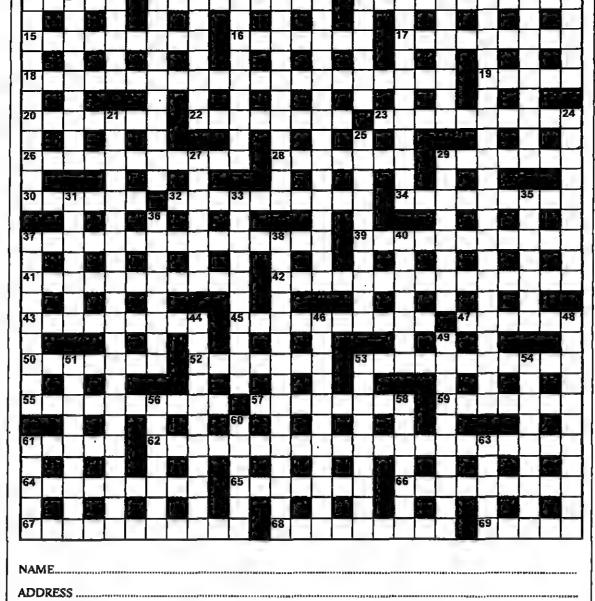
sion here and now (7)
60 Enemy orderly reduced in

rank (6) 61 Sun gets FA in a mess - in a real messi (5) 63 Make fast, noisy, rocket (5)

### EASTER MONDAY JUMBO CROSSWORD 219

In our Bank Holiday Jumbo Crossword competition, a prize of £100 will be awarded for the first correct solution to be opened on Thursday, April 29, 1999. Entries to Easter Monday Jumbo (219), Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN.

The winner and solution will be published in Weekend on Saturday, May 1



# Times Two Easter Monday Jumbo There is no prize for this crossword. The solution will be published on Monday.

will be published on Monday, April 12

ACROSS

1 Simple boy, in the

rhyme (5) 4 Involuntary immobility (9) 9 Disrupt arrangement

15 Building planner (9) 16 Enunciating (7)

17 Superior (court), dealing with reviews (9) 18 Creep-up-on-you

game (12.9) 19 Bright, striking (5) 20 Sewer's protection (7)

22 Wild winds (8) 23 De Gaulle movement (1940) (4.6)

26 Patient submission; departure (11) 28 Retaining, staying (7)

29 Conspiracy to convict 30 (Fin) on the back (6)

32 Deceitful, faithless 34 Method of handling

37 Being deliberately un-

friendly (4-11) 39 Feat (11) 41 A substitute (11)

42 Guerrillas (to their supporters) (7.8) 43 Respiring: Greek vow-

el mark (9) 45 Gold-bearing (10) 47 Recites verbatim (6)

50 Sportsman (7) 52 Eternally young (7) 53 Expecting bad out-

come (11) 55 All-pay-shares party

57 Small daggers (8) 59 Of old E England tribe (7) 61 Snapshot (5)

62 Show great clumsiness (2,3,7,3.6)

64 State bordering Belize, Honduras (9) 65 Salad plant; coffee

substitute (7) 66 Making of clothes (9) 67 Union representative

68 Baby birds (9) 69 Constructed (5) DOWN

1 Killed (for food) (11) 2 Body-motion science

3 Water spirit (5) 4 Astounding (10) 5 Toothed wheel, pre-

vents reversal (7)

6 Member of City comрапу (9) inflexible 7 Haughty.

(5-6)8 Unintended remark

(4,2,3,6)9 Absorb; summary (6) 10 Panic at public appear.

ance (5.6) 11 Sharp reply (7) 12 Effectively completed

(3,4,3,3,8)13 (Done) ahead of time

(2.7)14 Make correction (5) 21 Not ideal offering, but

thanks (7,4,2,8) 24 Liver disease (9)

25 One giving emergencv attention (5-5)

27 Floating Arctic sheet 29 Distracted, madly ex-

cited (8) 31 Failure to maintain improvement (7)

33 Opponent of tariffs 35 World's highest peak

36 Sticking together (8) 37 Stiff paper (9)

38 The views of those qualified to know (8.7) 40 Sweets; hypocrites (7) 44 Mexico's second city

46 Angler's equipment (7.4)

48 Clairvoyance (6.5) 49 Careless. random (attempt) (3-3-4) 51 Tricky situation (3.6)

53 Representation (9) 54 Three joint rulers (esp. ancient Rome) (9)

56 Chest wall (3,4) 58 Unluxurious (7) 60 Unruffled (6)

61 Young attendants (5) 63 Thermonuclear weapon (1-4)

### **Court of Appeal**

Law Report April 5 1999

Frawiey v Neill

Judgment March II

Before Lord Justice Swinton Tho-

mas, Lord Justice Aldous and Lord

The modern approach to the equitable doctrine of laches, whereby the

court would not uphold beneficial

rights whose assemion or enforce-

ment had been unreasonably de-

layed by their claimant, was not to

inquire into all the circumstances

to see whether they litted within the principles established in previ-

ous cases, but rather to ask wheth-

er, broadly considered, the claim-

ant's actions were such as to

render it unconscionable for him to

be permitted to assert his benefi-

when dismissing an appeal by the defendant. Anne Marie Brough

Neill, against the decision of Judg

Raymond Jack. QC. sitting as a

deputy High Court judge on Octo

her 20, 1997, declaring that the plaintiff. Sheagan Dermot Fraw-

ley, was entitled to all the net pro-ceeds of sale of a house at 5 Rowley

Close, Fleckney, Leicestershire,

which had previously been jointly

The house was jointly pur

chased by the parties in 1974 for

19,050. Of the deposit of £3,250, the

plaintiff provided two thirds and

the defendant one third. A mort-

owned by both parties.

Regina v Hayes

The Court of Appeal so held

Court of Appeal

## Noise at date of nuisance notice

POSTCODE

held that the former was correct. In

Johnson's News of London v

Ealing London Borough Council

((1990) 154 JP 33) Mr Justice Otton

held that the latter was the appro-

Protection Act 1990 provided:

Section 80 of the Environment

"(I) Where a local authority is

satisfied that a statutory nuisance

exists, or is likely to recur ... the lo-

cal authority shall serve ... (an

abutement notice'l imposing all or

any of the following requirements

(a) requiring the abatement of the

nuisance or prohibiting or restrict-

ing its occurrence or recurrence: (b)

works, and the taking of such other

steps, as may be necessary for any

of those purposes, and the notice

shall specify the time or times with-

In which the requirements of the notice are to be complied with."

der section 90(3) was contained in

Schedule 3 to the Act and the Envi-

ronmental Protection (Statutory

Nuisance (Appealst) Regulations (SI 1995 No 2044).

was quite different from that under

the previous regime contained in

sections 93 and 94 of the Public

Health Act 1936. The proceedings

the 1936 Act were not an appeal

from the abatement notice. Moreo-

The procedure under section 80

The procedure for appeals un-

requiring the execution of such

SFI Group pic (formerly Surrey Free Inns plc) v Gosport **Borough Council** Regina v Knightsbridge Crown Court, Ex parte Catal-

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith. Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice Brooke [Judgment March 29]

In considering the validity of a noise abatement notice served by a local authority under section 80 of the Environment Protection Act 1990, justices and the crown court on appeal were required to consider the facts at the time the notice was served and not at the time of

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by SFI Group ple against the decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Simon Brown and Tuary 13, 1998; (1998) 96 LGR 369)) allowing an appeal by case stated by Gosport Borough Council against the decision of Portsmouth Crown Court, on appeal from Fareham Justices, that a notice served upon SFI Group plc. requiring them to abate a statutory noise nuisance at Oliver's Bar. Gosport. should be quashed on the ground that at the date of the crown court hearing no statutory nuisance existed or was likely to recur.

The court also dismissed an ap-peal by Mr Carlo Cataldi against

the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court on May 11, 1998 (Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Maurice Kay) of his application for judicial review of the decision of Knightsbridge Crown Court, allowing an appeal by Ham-mersmith and Fulham London Borough Council against the declsion of West Landon Justices to quash a noise abatement notice served by the council in respect of restaurant premises at Casa Carlo. Fulham, on the ground that at the date of the crown court hearing no nuisance existed.

Mr Timothy Straker, QC, for SFI: Mr David Holgage, QC and Mr Malcolm Gibney for Gosport Borough Council. Timothy Spencer for Mr

Cataldi: Hammersmith and Ful-ham Borough Council did not apnear and was not represented. LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the appeals raised a question of some general importance in relation to the enforcement of noise abatement notices served under the Environment Protection Act 1990 on appeal to

the justices and the crown court. That question was whether, in considering the validity of the notice, the court was required to consider the facts at the time of the service of the notice or at the time that the appeal fell to be deter-In the present cases two differ-

did because as a result of what he cal injury would result, and, sec-ond, if so, might a sober person of

However, the judge went on to dd a further objective test in the following terms: "Was what the de-fendant did actually necessary to avoid the evil in question\*

Mr Smith submitted that the sion "actually necessary". The question of whether or not there was actually a threat was neither here nor there. Nowhere in the direction suggested in Martin did it appear that the threat perceived by the ap-pellant had to have been a real

Mr Smith's submission was well founded. The conviction was unsafe and would be quashed. Solicitors Kidd & Spoor, New-

nuisance existed at the time of the hearing before them before they could make a nuisance order. But section 94(3) protected the lo-

cal authority in respect of costs of the abatement notice and the complaint in the event that the justices found, on the hearing before them, that the nuisance no longer existed and was not likely to recur: see Coventry County Council v Doyle (1981) I WLR 1325).

soning of the Divisional Courts in the present cases and concluded that Johnson's News v Ealing had been wrongly decided. The section 80 procedure was ite different from that under section 93 and 94 of the 1936 Acr. There could be no sensible reason

His Lordship preferred the rea-

for importing the express words contained in section 94 to the wholly different situation of an appeal under section 80(3). No similar words were used in the relevant provisions of the 1990 Act. The omission in section 80 of the 1990 Act of any comparable provision to that In section 94(3) of the 1936 Act in relation to costs was

striking. That was deliberate, as shown by the retention of such a provision in section 82. It would be remarkable if Parliament intended to deprive a local authority of the costs of the abate-ment notice and perhaps a successful hearing before justices on the basis that by the time the matter came to be decided in the crown court the nuisance had abated and

was not likely to recur. Coventry v Doyle, based on the language of the 1936 Act was plainly correct. It had no hearing on the quite different language of the 1990

Where an appeal was brought under regulation 2(2)(a) of the 1995 Regulations the justices were concerned to see whether the underly-ing facts which constituted the nuisance or its likely recurrence existed at the date of the notice.

not likely to recur at the date of its service. That was a question of fact to be determined by the justices and they were not bound to accept the subjective view of the local au-

Lord Justice Brooke delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Jus-tice Potter agreed. Solicitors: Flynn & Partners. Bournemouth: Mr Richard Clay-

Before Lord Justice Judge, Mr Jus-tice Curtis and Mr Justice Sachs grandmother [Judgment February 25]

It was well established that the impact of a particular crime on a particular victim was a proper matter for consideration when sentencing. A further factor which could be take en into consideration was the question whether the imposition of a custodial sentence on the offender would add to the distress suffered

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in refusing an application by the Attorney-General under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 for leave to refer the sentence of Colin Hayes who. mitigation were his plea of guilty and his youth; he was 17 at the date Clarke) on his plea of guilty to rob-bery, was made the subject of a probation order for two years, which the Attorney- General regarded as unduly lenient. Mr Nicholas Dean for the Attor-

ney-General; Mr Ian Unsworth, assigned by the Registrar of Crimi-nal Appeals, for the defendant. LORD JUSTICE JUDGE said

gage from the Halifax Building Society provided the balance. The property was conveyed into their ioint names.

In 1975 the defendant, who subsequently ceased to reside there. orally agreed to sell her interest in the house to the plaintiff for £1.400. Although that was disputed, the judge found that there was such an agreement and that the plaintiff paid the agreed sum to the defend-

property into the plaintiff's sole name were never completed. The plaintiff himself later moved out of the property and eventually stopped paying the mortgage. In 1988 the building society took possession and sold the property.

paying the surplus proceeds of £84,000 into an account pending resolution of the dispute over beneficial ownership. The defendant contended that the plaintiff was not entitled to the whole proceeds of sale because of delay or laches, and that the judge erred in granting a declaration in

the plaintiff's favour when the plaintiff had neither applied for

nor been granted an order for spe-

cific performance of the 1975 agree-Mr Charles Taylor for the de-

fendant; Mr Timothy Harry for the plaintiff. LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said

that on the basis of the general rule set out in Williams v Greatrex (1957) I WLR 31) delay and laches would not prevent specific performance being ordered in this case, the agreement having been sufficiently acted upon by the plaintiff and acquiesced in by the defendant to indicate the parties' intention that the plaintiff become sole beneficial The defendant subsequently moved to Canada and arrange-ments for the conveyance of the Mr Taylor sought to distinguish

Modern approach to delay

that case on its facts and relied instead on Mills v Hayward ((1877) 6 Ch D 196, 202-2031, contending that the plaintiff had not shown himself to be "ready, desirous, prompt and eager" in availing himself of the remedy of specific performance; and that his occupation of the property did not constitute part performance of the agreement in accordance with the rule in Williams v Greatrex, because he was already in possession and did not

have the defendant's acquiescence. His Lordship disagreed. Unlike the purchaser in Mills v Hayward. the plaintiff had actually paid the purchase price and it would be inequitable to deny him specific perrmance in the circumstances.

But in any event he did not need 10 seek specific performance because the agreement had already been performed and the defendant

ing further was needed to complete equitable title: it only needed the defendant's signature to complete the legal title. There was no reason why laches or lapse of time should bar the plaintiff's claim. It was clear that the principles of

and Williams v Greatrer had further evolved within the last 20 A modern approach to laches or acquiescence should not require an exhaustive inquiry into whether the circumstances could fit within

Instead, a broader approach should be adopted, namely whether it was unconscionable for the party concerned to be permitted to assert his beneficial rights: see Taylor Fashions Ltd v Liverpool Victoria Trustees Co Ltd (1982) QB 133, 151), a case on estoppel by acquiescence, and Habih Rank Ltd v Hahib Bank AG Zurich ([1981] I WLR 1265, 1285) a case on acquiescence.

laches and estoppel in relation to passing-off. It followed that the judge came to the right conclusion and the appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas agreed. Solicitors: Clifford Cowling &

### ver, the clear wording of section 94(2) and (3) made it plain that the Perception of duress sufficient

Regina v Cairns Before Lord Justice Mantell, Mr Justice Gray and Judge Denison.

[Judgment February 22] Where a defendant raised the defence of necessity or duress of circumstance it was sufficient for him to show that he acted as he did because he reasonably perceived a threat of serious physical injury or death but it was not necessary for

him to prove that the threat was in fact real. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by John Cairns against his conviction in October 1998 at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court Dudge Whithurn, QC and a jury) of inflicting grievous bodily harm and dangerous driving, for which he was sentenced respectively to 21: years and 12 months imprisonment to run concurrently. He was also disqualified for driving for

three years. Mr Robert Smith, QC, for the appellant. Mr John Aitken for the

LORD JUSTICE MANTELL said that the victim, who had been out with friends and had had far too much to drink, had climbed on to the bonnet of the appellant's car The appellant had driven some

distance with the victim soread

eagled on the bonnet and had then

braked when he came to a speed hump. The victim was dislodged and landed in front of the car The appellant drove over him. and he was now paraplegic. All that was observed by a group of the victim's friends who, it appeared from their evidence, did not wish to be associated with his conduct and were trying to prevent him behaving in that way, but it might have appeared to the appel-

iant that they were hostile towards him as they followed the car. The judge directed the jury as to the delence raised of duress of circumstance in accordance with the two-stage test set out by Mr Justice Simon Brown in R v Martin (Col-

in) ([1989] RTR 63): First, was the accused, or might he have been, impelled to act as he castle upon Tyne; CPS, Tyneside.

reasonably believed to be the situation he had good cause to fear that otherwise death or serious physireasonable firmness, sharing the characteristics of the accused, have responded to that situation by act-

threat. In their Lordships' judgment. The notice was not justified if no statutory nuisance existed or was

the subjective view of the local au-thority inspector.

His Lordship rejected a further argument on behalf of SFI that the notice, which required them to "cease the playing of amplified mu-sic at levels which cause a nuisance at neighbouring premises" was invalid because it failed to specify the narticular works or steps required to abate the nuisance.

on September 14, 1998, at War-rington Crown Court Judge

Impact on victim relevant to sentence that the victim of the robbery was the defendant's 65-year-old great

Until that offence was committed there had apparently been a perfectly normal and affectionate relationship between them but at about 4.30pm on July 6, 1998, the victim had opened her duor to a masked man whom she did not realise was her great grandson. He pushed her aside and she

stumbled and slid to the floor sustaining some bruising. The defendant stole her purse and ran off. He as arrested and eventually admitted that he was the culprit The aggravating features of the tim of some considerable age and frailty and those facts were of course known to the defendant. In

of the offence. The pre-sentence report noted that the defendant had spent three months in custody on remand and would have great difficulty in dealing with a further period in custre-

His grandmother, with whom he lived, was herself a widow and

found life was rather difficult for her without her grandson's aid. He had always before been kindand considerate to old people and the evidence suggested that he

was profoundly remorseful. As

soon as she discovered the identity

of her attacker, the victim forgave

him and made it clear that she did not want her great grandson sent In his sentencing observations Judge Clarke explained in great detail his reasons for putting the de-fendant on probation. He reminded himself accurately about the normal range of sentences in that class of case but took into account the

wholly peculiar and unusual cir-cumstances and the fact that the defendant was the principle carer of In their Lordships' judgment, the relevant principles were clear. The sentence could not depend on the wishes of those most affected by the crime under consideration. me victims desired revenge, others wanted to exercise mercy and thers did not want to be subjected to pressure if their views were to be laken into account.

That did not mean that the vic-

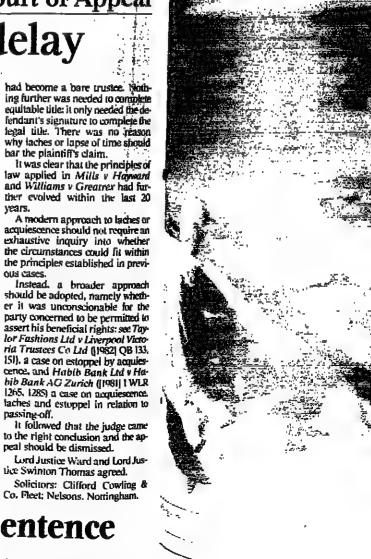
tim was to be ignored but the re-sponsibility rested with the sentencing judge.

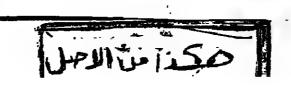
An essential sentencing consider ation was to assess the impact of the particular crime on a particu-lar victim and also, although perhaps rarely, the court was required to consider a refinement of that principle when assessing whether the imposition of a custodial set tence would add to the distress and concern suffered by the victim. That was a factor to which a

court had to pay attention. The weight to be attached to it depended on the crime itself and different facets of the case which the judge had to balance. The sentencing judge carefully balanced the relevant considera-

tions. Having done so he very properly decided that could be mercial and allow the defendant to retail Their Lordships would be pro-

foundly troubled if it was thought that a judge could not temper juslice with mercy. The result was a le nient sentence but it was not unduly or improperly lenient. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution





# Developers end up in ruins and survive Martin Waller investigates what

Martin Waller investigates what happens when the builders unearth further clues to our island history

ondon, like other British cities of any age, is a palimpsest of past cultures and their archaeological remains. Dig down a few feet and you are in another era. Pity the poor property developer, therefore, who comes across a priceless relic from our history in the course of

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A couple of weeks ago builders on the Spitalfields development north of the City of London carne across a stone sarcophagus. This was the last resting place of an unknown but clearly very rich and powerful inhabitant of Roman London and had been lying undisturbed, and for much of the time unknown, for the past 1,800 years.

Michael Bear, chief executive of Spitalfields Development Corpora-tion, which is redeveloping the site, caid this discovery, unlike some that developers have stumbled across in the past, was at least portable, so minimising disruption to work on the site, and could simply be moved to the Museum of London.

But there is plenty of history that the corporation is already aware of lying underneath the site. There is St Mary of Spitalfield, a 14th or 15th-century priory originally situated outside the gates of the City walls. This served as a welcome to the City and subsequently as a hospital, so giving the area its name.

"It's quite an important monument and it can't be touched in any shape or form," says Mr Bear, "There's a friction between ourselves and the museum, who would like to take a bit to the surface and show it, and English Heritage, who would like to leave it untouched. Where it's part of the heritage of the development of London they won't

let us touch a single brick."

As a result, the development has had to be redesigned around it. Because the priory ruins are below ground and the old maps are not exact, it is hard to know exactly what is down there. The corporation. therefore, has to use investigating trenches to pinpoint the structure's

There are, in all, 3,000 different archaeological remains at Spitalfields, including plague pits and Ro-man graves as well as the priory, and the size is especially rich for being outside the City walls.

We have allowed the archaeolo-

piece of ground the cost has to be lytical techniques have improved contained. If you take a nine-month delay on a £30 million site, you are up for £3 million in extra interest payments. Time is money.

"When we bought Spitalfields years and years ago we did a lot of investigating in the archives and we hauled out plans back to the 13th century to get a feel of what was underground. We found more

Romans than we ever expected." In the spectrum of risk, that Roman sarcophagus ranks fairly low. "If you find a Viking ship here, they would almost insist it would be preserved as it lay. And it's not an in-surable risk," says Mr Bear. And what would be the worst-

case scenario? "Something like the Globe Theatre, Something of which there's only one in the country, which has immense significance nationally and on which nothing can be built around."

Paul Nuttall, at Ove Arup & Partners, the consulting engineer, is part of the team building a new headquarters for Merrill Lynch, the US investment bank, just north of St Paul's Cathedral. He previousworked at Spitalfields.

At the start of the century the Post Office dug a basement at the building and found that, as with so many buildings in and around the City, London's Roman wall ran ail the way through. Part of the wall was found to be intact, and of its original height, one foot below the current surface.

The Post Office built a 12m to 14m octagonal visiting chamber where the wall can still be viewed. "It's probably one of the best kept secrets in London, because nobody ever went," says Mr Nuttall. Three quarters of the site had the

wall and other archaeological re-mains removed; the rest, like St Mary priory, is a scheduled ancient monument, or SAM, and again under the charge of English Heritage.

This has required some extra effort for the builders of the Merrill offices. "We are not building a basement anywhere near the Roman wall, and the piling is going in in a very higgledy-piggledly fashion to stay well away from it." says Mr

Nuttall. One option sometimes favoured by English Heritage is for the developer simply to pour concrete over any remains found, to preserve them utterly, although this is not suitable at the Post Office site. The gists in for as long as they need," says Mr Bear. "You always risk finding something interesting — it's a huge risk. When you develop a be dug up in the future, when ana-

further and more can be learnt.
Geoffrey Wainwright is chief archaeologist at English Heritage.
He explains: "The logic of that is that they are preserved for the fu-ture. No building is permanent — look at the London skyline, which is always changing."

It is not a method that finds favour with Mr Bear at Spitalfields. He prefers to find some way to keep the discovery on show, perhaps by protecting it with a glass wall or oth-er structure, as has been done suc-

cessfully at a number of sites.

Then you are actually adding some value as a developer to the heritage," he says. "Where it's enclosed in concrete forever it strikes me as a purist game. But I would say that, wouldn't I?"

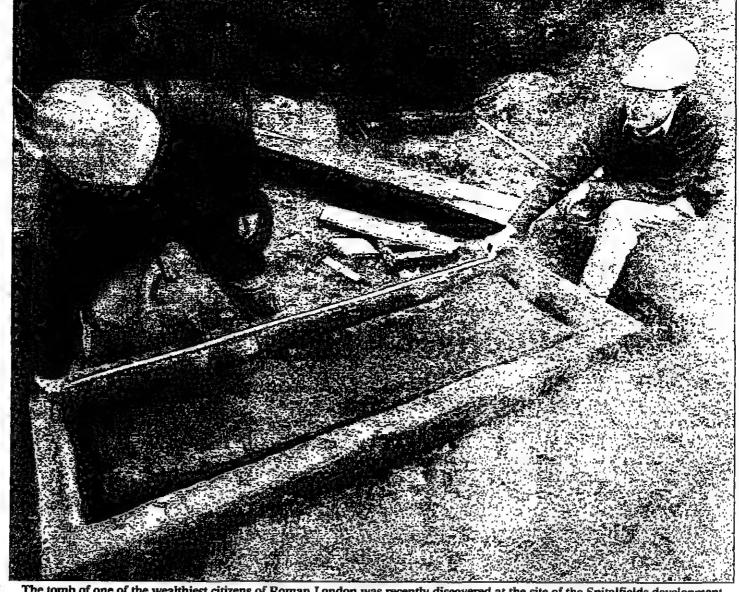
At the Merrill development, the original visiting chamber is being kept, at no little inconvenience. It is in the middle of a delivery yard and is therefore a potential security risk, so separate access to the public must be provided, complete with security cameras.

r Nuttall says that because the existence of the wall was known. it could be dealt with in the original planning process and so caused the development no delays. But unexpected discoveries are quite common. When they occur, a degree of so-called "archaeological mitigation" must be provided, and planning consent will depend on whether English Heritage, if the site is a SAM, or the local council is satisfied.

There's no reason why it should be unexpected," he says. "Unless someone has already dug a basement there, it's almost guaranteed that something will be found. You have got to dig down to the London clay to be sure."

No one knows how many unexpected finds in the past have simply been greeted with a quick look around and a swift blow with a spade rather than letting the devel-oper in for expensive delay. But recent regulations are aimed at cutting down on nasty surprises for those who want to build on the site as well as preserving important rel-ics. Dr Wainwright at English Her-itage is largely responsible for these

new procedures.
"When an archaeological site is suspected, and that, in our historic cities, means quite a lot of the time. the developer has to show to the



The tomb of one of the wealthiest citizens of Roman London was recently discovered at the site of the Spitalfields development

planning authority how he intends to cope with the site, and there are set procedures which he has to follow. He has to protect the site if that's at all possible. If it's not possible, the site has to be recorded before it's destroyed."

Dr Wainwright says this is based on the principle that "the polluter pays" — the property developer pays for the archaeology before it's

As a result, since 1990 the number of archaeological digs in Britain has rocketed from 600 to 4,000 last year.

"My profession over the past dec-ade has been revolutionised. There's been a huge explosion of archaeological activity, and the cost of this across the country is £50 million a year to developers. The procedures are designed to ensure that the work is done in advance of de-

velopment beginning." he says.

The new regulations stemmed from the discovery in early 1989 of the remains of the Rose Theatre on the site of a proposed office block in London, just south of Southwark

Development was held up by a campaign, led by leading theatrical folk including Sir Ian McKellen and Dame Judi Dench. There were demonstrations and, at one stage, there was a picket line of actors linking hands to prevent access to the site. It was a developer's nightmare, but Dr Wainwright says it would not have been so if current

policy had been in place.
"Developers are able to plan for this. They take on an archaeologist in the same way as they would an architect or a quantity surveyor." Indeed, a number of specialist firms have sprung up to do this kind of work.

"When there are unexpected discoveries and the developer has done everything that's expected of him, then they can turn to us if necessary for financial help to record that archaeological discovery." he says. This shouldn't happen, and on the whole it doesn't — the archives should show what to expect, or something should be turned in when exploratory trenches are dug. But sometimes some-

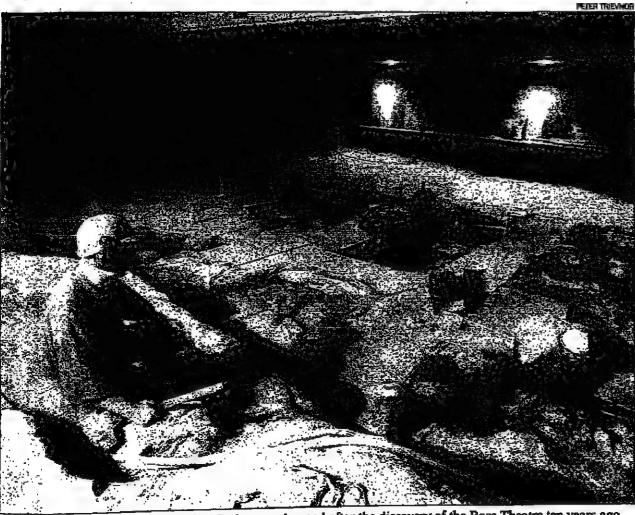
thing truly unexpected is turned up. Recently the earliest boat known in Western Europe was found in Dover harbour by workmen digging a sewer trench. "Nobody could have guessed that it would be there," says Dr

Wainwright. That was a case when we did step in and provide funds to lift and preserve it." The cost was a relatively modest £600,000, but the main problem on this job was time. In the event, for three weeks the contractor worked elsewhere.

At No 1 Poultry, the old Mappin & Webb site, developers found a crossroads from the earliest period when London was a Roman town. Viking remains were found at Coppergate. York, and an excavation was funded by the public purse before development could go ahead. Most recently a Roman villa was discovered outside Swindon, on the site of a planned housing estate. Here, English Heritage will probably buy the land from the developer to preserve the site.

if a newly discovered Globe Theatre is the developer's nightmare, what is the archaeologist's dream? "My dream discovery would be the remains of Britain af ter the Romans left, which we really know little about, except from very vague literary sources." says Dr Wainwright.

But developers might note that much more modern structures may be of interest to the archaeologists. There is work being done on Second World War defences, for example. And on a recent survey of Cold War defences, evidence of works that have been obsolete for just a decade.



The rules relating to archaeological finds were changed after the discovery of the Rose Theatre ten years ago



The earliest known boat in Western Europe was recently found by workmen digging a sewer in Dover Harbour



# Biotech investor investigated after fines on banks

OECHSLE International Advisers, one of the biggest shareholders in British Biotech, is being investigated by US regulators over share trades that led the London Stock Exchange to fine the banks JP Morgan and ABN Amro last

The fund manager, based in Boston, started building up a stake in British Biotech at the fine, at £350,000, was levied

A LEADING firm of actuar-

ies has given warning that an-

result from the increased use

of so-called "defined contribu-

tion" (DC) pension arrangements by companies.

Lane Clark & Peacock, the

actuarial firm, says that the

difficulty for individual em-

ployees to work out how

much pension income they

are likely to get from defined

contribution schemes may

generate increasing disquiet

as more and more people re-tire on income derived from

Many companies have

switched pension arrange-

ments from older-style "final

salary" or "defined benefit"

schemes to defined contribu-

tion or "money purchase"

schemes. These newer

schemes are less onerous in

terms of regulatory compli-

ance and shift much invest-

these arrangements.

New pensions

scandal looms

BY ROBERT COLE

end of last year and now holds a little less than 10 per cent of

the pharmaceutical company. week fined ABN £250,000 and JP Morgan £100,000 for accepting an order for shares that also requested a movement in the share price. The fine was for market miscon-

ment risk from employers to

A result of the shift has been to make it more difficult for in-dividuals to assess the level of income they will receive from

their pension. It creates uncertainty over how much should be saved for retirement.

Michael Cranfield, LC&P

partner, said: "DC schemes

are set to become the next

pensions scandal. However,

simply providing fixed pro-

jections on a set of pre-

scribed assumptions will not be sufficient and, as the prob-

lems with personal pensions

have highlighted, may be

In an effort to combat the

confusion, LC&P has devel-

oped a computer software program, Pension DCoder.

which LC&P says will revolu-

tionise the way that DC pen-

sions are explained to pen-

positively dangerous."

against JP Morgan in 1997, for market manipulation.

British Biotech could not confirm last week that it was the share concerned. However, investigators would not necessarily contact the compa-ny concerned in a case of this

The US Securities & Exchange Commission is believed to have contacted Oechsle about the share

Oechsle, which also has an office in Mayfair, began building its stake last September, when the British Biotech share price was about 40p. By November 2 it held 60.9 million shares. The shares have since fallen to about 1649.

The investment manager. which employs Warren Walk-er, the boyfriend of Koo Stark, manages money on a dis-cretionary basis for American

ABN Armro has parted company with two employees since the matter came to light. One is Angelo Iononne, for-merly based in New York. Morgan Stanley's fine has not led to any staff going. A spokes-man said that it had dealt with the matter internally.

The Stock Exchange picked up the abnormal share trades through using its "real time" share monitoring system. Its investigation centred on one share trade carried out by Morgan Stanley in September and a number of trades carried out by ABN Amro in

The exchange, which plans to spend about £4.5 million on enhancing its share surveillance system, carries out about 80 investigations a year.



ProVen, which owns the rights to Sooty, aims to maximise merchandising potential

# Proven hopes \$150m fund will be child's play By RALMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR ROVEN Private Equity. e rights and merchandiscompany of the company of the

the rights and merchandising company that controls the destiny of the TV pupper Sooty, is planning to launch a \$150 million (£93 million) fund in Britain and America this month.

Gordon Power, who spun off the business from Guin-ness Mahon, is believed to be working on the details of one of the largest funds to concentrate on children's TV characters and merchan-

dising rights.

Apart from Sooty, ProVen has rights through Link Licensing to characters such as Barbie, the doll that is still going strong after 40 years, and Teddybears, the successful children's series

Link has also developed a range of products for the Natural History Museum and for Lord's Cricket Ground, on behalf of MCC.

some \$15 million of its own money in the fund and to invest a further \$35 million on behalf of clients. Standard Life and United News & Media are also expected to be approached.

Children's programmes and associated merchandis-ing are hot properties at the moment, encouraged by the international success of the Teletubbies programmes.

The BBC is estimated to have made £23 million from the series so far, even though the lucrative US rights were retained by Rag Doll, the independent pro-duction company behind the Teletubbies.

In the US, children's teleabout \$900 million a year. However, the merchandising market is worth more

### FCI helps China to lift bamboo curtain

By Alasdair Murray

A SMALL British company is aiming to lift the bamboo curtain, which has until now concealed reliable information on the Chinese economy, by producing a CD-Rom database detailing the esti-mated \$550 billion (£341 billion) of foreign investment that has poured into China over the past decade. First China Information

(FCI), based in Battersea. South London, has linked up with the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation (Moftec) to

produce a comprehensive list of foreign joint venture operating in the

It is the first time that the information, which was previously treated as highly classified by the Chinese Government, has been made available to the international financial community.

However, with doubts

growing about the health of the Chinese economy, the Government has been convinced that it must become more transparent if it is to encourage further foreign

Data for January and February this year suggest that investment has slipped by nearly 10 per cent from the same period last

The relationship between FCI and the Chinese Government, which has taken five years to develop, has been cemented with Moftec taking a 25 per cent stake in FCI. Moftee has complete control over the licensing of joint ventures and supervises all trade activities between Chi-

man of FCI, said: "This is the

pany that is better known for

San Streak convertible will be

significantly cheaper than

Western sports cars, with a top

speed of 100mph and French

Its San Storm coupé and the

making trains.

na and the rest of the world. Sir Barry Jowett, chair-

first time China has fully opened the door on trade information. The potential for business in China is greater than ever and access to information is vital if this potential is to be realised."

The database lists nearly 140,000 foreign-backed enterprises that are already operating in China for the period until the end of 1997. The aim is to produce regular updates to ensure that the information is of maximum use.

FCI is hopeful that the venture will prove merely the first step in opening up trad-itionally opaque Chinese financial information to the rest of the world. The company is already working on collecting details of indigenous Chinese companies in a number of important corporate sectors. In the medium term, it also hopes to bring details of key Chinese economic statisties to the international finan-

cial sector.
The CD-Rom is being produced with the support of Marshall Publishing, a subsidiary of stock market-listed MediaKey, which is best known for its training videos produced in conjunction with John Cleese.

### WORD-WATCHING

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**PEDALFER** 

(b) A soil in which there is no layer of accumulated calcium carbonate, but in which orddes or iron and aluminium have tended to accumulate (generally acidic and characteristic of humid climates). A portmanteau composed of ped- + al(uminium) + fer( rum) the Latin for iron. These ideas were accepted in the USA, and the concepts of pedalfers and pedocals added: pedalfers are leached soils in humid areas where aluminium and iron accumulate in the B horizon."

tc) An elaborate foliated spiral or scroll pattern. The French word. "We have added grace asnd beauty to the whole, by a mixgrotesque stucco, and amieu ornamenis. the flowing rinceau with its fanciful figures and winding foli-

(a) A variety of sauce served with meat. The Spanish word. "What sort of a stew is it? Let me smell and taste the salsa?"

(a) A wild sheep, a subspecies of Ovis orientalis, having a reddish coat and long, curved horns, found in India and other parts of central Asia. The Punjabi urial. "The foot-hills to the north and west are still the haunts of oorial sheep."

SOLUTION TO THE WINNING MOVE 1 Rxf7+! Kxf7 2 Qxe6+ and White forces a quick mate, e.g. 2 ... Kg73 Qe7+ Kg84 Bh7+ Kh85 Qf6+ Kxh76 Re7+ Kg87 Qg7 check-

# Reliant plans foreign foray

RELIANT, the tiny carmaker best known for the Robin three-wheeler, as featured in BBC's Only Fools and Horses. is to take on more staff as part of its expansion into the import and distribution of other niche vehicles.

Reliant, which was bought is about to bring foreign cars into the UK for sale for the first time in its 64-year history. The first import to go on

sale alongside the Robin range, which has just been revamped, will be the Ligier Ambra, a "microcar" that is 3ft smaller than the Mini and designed to appeal to commuters. It will go on sale this month or next at about £7,000. UK drivers need only a motorcycle licence for the vehicle, which has a maximum



Reliant, maker of the Robin, is to import niche vehicles

speed of 45mph. Reliant expects to sell up to 1,500 this

The group will also start selling the Piaggio Apé, a three-wheeler made in Italy. boasting motorcycle handlewithin five months. Sales of between 800 and 1,000 are expected this year. Doug Jeffrey, of Reliant.

The most exotic import, how-

ever, will be a cut-price sports

car made by San Engineering

said that new staff will be needed in sales, customer support and other areas, adding to the 60 already employed by the bars and a top speed of about company. He would not say ex-35mph. Prices will start at actly how many will be recruitabout £3,000, plus VAT, and it ed but the workforce will be should go on sale in June. significantly increased.

Reliant is majority-owned by Kevin Leech, a financier based in Jersey.

# **EXCHANGE RATES**

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### CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US Dollar 1.6050 (-0.0161) 0.6737 (+0.0116) Exchange Index 102.2 (-1.7)

Bank of England oficial close (4pm)

FT 30 share 3838.8 (+91.5) FT8E 100 6333.0 (+193.8) **New York Dow Jones** 9832.51 (+10.27)

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Trackers'

pursuit of the

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for strategy

They are called the "Magic 28" and, no.

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suggest that any such out-

performance is more to do with luck than judgment.

Active managers are just as likely to underperform the

average.

Active management is also costly, requiring the em-

the MSCI Europe Index.

# Government seeks more room for commercial radio

MEDIA EDITOR

CHRIS SMITH, the Culture, Media and Sport Secretary. is considering a full audit of the radio spectrum to see whether room can be found for more commercial radio

Further licences could provide a new boost to a sector that is now earning more than £400 million a year from advertising and is the fastest-growing advertising

Mr Smith has ordered a de-partmental study of the issue after representations from the Radio Authority, the regulatory body for commercial radio, that the BBC was being wasteful of its use of the radio spectrum.

The Radio Authority case is that the BBC could give up some of its existing frequencies without limiting the audience reach of any of its

Mr Smith now awaits the results of the departmental study before deciding whether to launch a formal audit of how the radio spectrum is

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Smith: departmental study

used in the UK. The issue is important for commercial radio companies because the process of advertising new radio licences has virtually come to an end for existing analogue technology. Digital radio services will

be limited for many years by the number of digital radio receivers in the community. The question mark over the BBC's use of radio frequencies is just one area where the

AN EXCLUSIVE PRIZE DRAW

activities of the BBC are being challenged by the commercial sector..

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Both ITV and the Commercial Radic Companies Association have joined together to insist that the BBC's commercial services should be separated entirely from the BBC's publicly funded operation.

Commercial broadcasters are also calling for BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of the BBC, to be managed and housed separately and regulated by an independent, external regulator.

The pleas have been submitted as evidence to a panel under the chairmanship of Gayvn Davies, the City economist, that is looking into the future funding of the BBC. Commercial media organisations have long com-

plained that they face unfair

competition from the BBC-

in particular the advertising

cial broadcasters.

of the corporation's commercial products and services on BBC channels. The Institute of Practitioners in Advertising has called for a single economic regulator for the BBC and commer-



## July release for Leeson

NICK LEESON, the securities dealer who brought down Barings Bank, will be released from a Singapore jail in July. according to reports in Asian newspapers yesterday (Paul Armstrong writes)

The report said that Leeson, who had a cancerous abdominal tumour removed in August, would be released for good behaviour, rather than

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six-and-a-half years in 1995 after being convicted of fraud. His losing bets on financial markets left Barings, Britain's oldest bank, with a \$1.4 billion

Wong Kan Seng, Singa-pore's Home Affairs Minister, told the South China Morning Post: "Under our prison regulations we don't release a prisoner just because he's sick.

he can't survive his sentence in the opinion of the doctors, we will consider giving him a

Leeson is undergoing chemotherapy and is said to have been given a 70 per cent chance of surviva).

A film, called Rogue Trader, starring Ewan McGregor, is currently being made about

# buy telecoms firms for £1.5bn

GEC is close to announcing two deals in America and continental Europe worth a total of £1.5 billion that will accelerate its expansion in fast-growing sectors of the telecoms market.

The company, whose man-aging director is Lord Simpson of Dunkeld, is in talks to buy the networking equipment businesses of First Data Communications, an \$18 bilinformation services group based in New Jersey. These have been valued at about £1 billion.

Separate talks are under way with Robert Bosch, the German industrial group, about buying its telecoms business, which is worth about £500 million. A deal with Bosch would significantly expand GEC's capability in mobile telephony. GEC is keen to move quick-

y to refocus the group after

ish Aerospace for £7 billion. Last month Lord Simpson dipped into GEC's warenest for the acquisition of Reltec, a US manufacturer of cables and switching equipment, for £1.3 billion.

If these two latest deals are completed, GEC will have spent almost £3 billion so far this year, leaving it on course to fully replace the Marconi defence business by substantially increasing investment in

Senior GEC executives are running their slide rules over a number of companies in the US, which accounts for about one half of global investment in telecoms equipment and data networking. Another possible target is Fore Systems. based in Pittsburg, whose switching systems are widely used by Internet companies.

# GEC in talks to

ployment of analysts and defence electronics arm to Britstrategists. The cust of these additional overheads (an detract from the performance of an investment portfolio. It is sometimes said that index tracking is preferable

to active management because it takes human error out of stock selection. Detractors say that index tracking is inflexible and cannot be easily adjusted to sudden changes in market conditions. In truth, index tracking concentrates the influence of human judgment on invest-ment strategies because

there is so little room to alter

mans, in the light of events. Trackers are only as reliable as the constitution govern-ing the index's make-up. Using size to determine index

weighting may be a good policy, but it is not infallible. Fans of trackers maintain that there is no need for Bexibility and, true enough, to date there has been no cry-ing need for the flexibility that active managers have. However, this does not mean that leeway will not be

needed in the future. It is to be hoped that the influence of indexation will not become a stranglehold. and that the investment management community will come to realise that owning shares simply because other people own them leads to unsustainable prices.

All being well, it will become apparent that big stocks are overvalued. Then attention will focus on smaller companies, which represent much better value. Unless valuation balance is restored and the influence of indexation is curbed, the bubble will burst.

So much for the theorising. Short term, investors must surely make themselves aware of the existence of the Magic 28, and bring the implications of its existence to bear on portfolio management decisions.

Investors ought also to watch for the emergence of similar groupings. UK companies do not feature in the Magic 28 because the Euro Stoxx 50 includes only euroland shares. However, it cannot be long before other similar overlaps are noticed. In the short term, there may be profits to be made.

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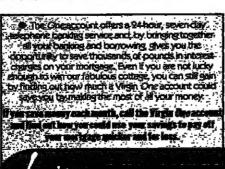
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CHANGING TIMES

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### Saudis in talks with **US oil companies**

THE Oil Minister of Saudi Arabia yesterday met with the presidents of Conoco and Marathon Oil, the two US oil companies, for talks on investment in the kingdom's energy sector (Our City Staff writes).

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy BTR Siebe, Safeway, Prudential; Sell Coffee Republic. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Signet, Viridian, Northern Leisure, Meyer International; Sell Maiden Group. Sunday Business: Buy PowerGen, Signet, Kingfisher. The Observer: Buy BP Amoco; Hold Booker, RMC. Sunday Express: Buy Sterling Publishing, Bartows, Mears. Independent on Sunday: Buy COLT Telecom; Sell

Ali al-Nuaimi met with Archie Dunham of Conoco and Victor Beghini of Marathon and "discussed opportunities of investments in oil and gas projects" in Saudi Arabia.
The meeting follows an invi-

tation to foreign companies by Saudi Crown Prince Abdallah bin Abdel Aziz at the end of last year to submit plans for investments in the kingdom's oil and gas sectors. Almost 20 years after nation-

alising its oil industry, the world's top oil producer has turned once again to investments from foreign oil firms to compensate for funds it lacks domestically. But in February, during a visit by Bill Richardson, the

US Energy Secretary, Saudi Arabia ruled out foreign investment in oil prospecting or pro-duction but said that the kingdom was interested in downstream investments

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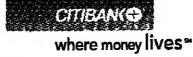
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# Shaking the foundations A soap star on song of firms' Chinese walls

he rise and fall of Prince Jefri Bolkiah has made for a right riveting read. On the way up the brother of the Sultan of Brunei made much use of the trappings of the fabulous wealth of his oil-rich family. There was the personal Boeing 747, the luxury yachts, the use of his own hotels, such as the Bel Air in Beverly Hills and the Plaza Athenee in Paris, and his Park Lane club, The Playboy, in London, not to mention the polo matches with the Prince of Wales.

On the way down, however, after falling out with the Sultan, he lost control of the powerful and secretive Brunei Investment Agency and salacious de-tails of his private life made the headlines in the tabloid press during the course of an extraordinary High Court trial.

But out of this tangled web and the destruction of his public reputation, Prince Jefri may have done a great service to the City of London. From his dispute with the Sultan and the ensuing investigation into his chairmanship of the BIA, Prince Jefri entered into a legal row which has defined more clearly what constitutes a professional conflict of interest and how firms and financial institutions should manage such perceived or actual conflicts.

The BIA is the agency that manages the money, external assets and investments of the Government of Brunei. Its auditors are KPMG, the international firm of accountants. which since 1983 with additional consultancy advice has put in about 10,000 hours a year in chargeable time. It has been a massive contract for KPMG which has enjoyed what has been called a "long and close working relationship" with the BIA, led by its engagement partner, Peter Harrison.

Prince Jefri, the third and youngest of the Sultan's brothers, was a favourite of the potentate, having previously been Minister of Finance. That was until March 1998, when Prince Jefri swiftly fell from grace, was removed as chairman of the BIA and lost control of companies under his aegis under emergency decree by the

Brunei Government. Prior to this, the relationship that Prince Jefri had with KPMG led him to appoint the firm to help out with a complex based business intermediaries, Bob and Rafi Manoukian. Over a period of 18 months, 12 KPMG partners, 81 senior staff and 75 other KPMG professionals were involved in investigations on behalf of Prince Jefri under the leadership of parmer Adam Bates. The work, codenamed Project Lucy, earned the firm £4.6 million in fees over the course of the 18 months, which ended last spring when the Manoukian case came to court. It was swiftly settled, but not before Prince Jefri's private peccadilloes had been so exposed.

By last June the Sultan had ordered an investigation of the BIA's affairs: Mr Harrison, the lead audit partner, was summoned to look into the transfer of funds going in and out of the BIA. A month later the BIA summoned John Ellison, a senior KPMG forensic partner. along with Mr Harrison and Michael Fowle, a senior executive of the firm, to investigate the series of asset withdrawals and "special transfers".

KPMG set up the investigation, codenamed Project Gemma, but only after they had put in place special confidentiality arrangements with separate project rooms and computer servers and employing only staff who had been vetted specially by KPMG's solicitors. Over the space of two months the KPMG team on this investigation put in 7.500 chargeable hours.

However, in September Prince Jefri was in court again, this time seeking to prevent the Gemma investigation for the BIA from continuing on the basis that KPMG. through its previous work for him, had access to "extensive confidential information" on Robert Lea says the legal row involving Prince Jefri may have done a great service to City professionals



Prince Jefri entered a legal dispute that has defined more clearly what is a conflict of interest

neither been informed by KPMG of its investigation for the BIA, nor had his consent

been sought. It was on this basis that an injunction was granted on September 15 to stop the Gemma investigation. That injunction, however, was turned down on appeal when Lord Justice Woolf, accepting the lengths to which KPMG had gone to put up Chinese walls, concluded that a continuing injunction "would create unjustified impediments in the way large international firms conduct their

speediest cases in modern legal history. a week before Christmas,

business".

turned judgment of the Court of Appeal. Lord Justice Millett stated that information pertaining to KPMG's "Lucy" investigation on behalf of Prince Jefri would be relevant to the investigations on "Gemma" for the BIA in a situation where the BIA's interests were clearly adverse to those

of Prince Jefri. KPMG was barred from continuing to act because a conflict existed even though the prince was a former KPMG client. Jeremy Cole, a litigator, and Nigel Read, a corporate lawyer, are partners in Lovell White Durrant, which advised

as any to the case. They explained their take on it. "KPMG had erected an ad hoc Chinese wall to manage their conflict. They claimed it was effective because by the very nature of their business

Prince Jefri, and are as close

rienced and trained in the need to manage information obtained from a competing commercial interest.

The House of Lords concluded that this was not enough. It is one thing to separate the insolvency, tax, audit and forensic departments and erect Chinese walls between them. But it is quite another matter to try to erect an ad hoc Chinese wall within the same department.

The teams would have rotating membership involving far more personnel than were working on the project at any However, in one of the one time. Individuals might

how high you can construct them but

The problem with Chinese walls is not

the House of Lords over- whether people can get underneath them the pigeons. It has been hard enough handling the have joined from and returned conflicts because of the way our to other projects. There was a firm has evolved. There is a very big likelihood that the firm could be giving M&A adnatural tendency to share information and expertise. The diffivice to a client, while at the culty of enforcing confidentiality or preventing unwitting dis-closure was therefore very same time providing the finance and at the same time hav-

> The Lords judgment — that despite the lengths to which KPMG had gone this was still not enough to prevent a potential conflict of interest - poses serious questions for the City.

But Cole and Read advise: "There are clear lessons to be learnt about managing client conflicts, about making people think more carefully how they deal with such situations and it will, inevitably, raise the profile of compliance teams across the City."

One legal adviser to City institutions explained: "The upshot of the Lords ruling is that

I ME MITI 200 12 (DDILI departments becoming even more active in their role of identifying potential conflicts before they occur. What we will have to see is larger and more active compliance teams who become active in managing the client relationship.

What is plain is that you cannot have a situation where the adviser has to resign halfway through a deal because the compliance department has belatedly found a damaging conflict of interest."

On the coalface the view is slightly different. A compliance officer of a much-merged big City institution, which declined to be named.

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one of these functions could be

being handled from London,

New York or a main Euro-

pean office and you realise the

difficult to know what various

people are up to, and on the

other hand, even if the Chi-

nese walls exist, geographically or operationally, it is still a

people business in which peo-

ple talk. This ruling just high-

lights the potential problems."
What some big City institutions are hinting at is that com-

"On the one hand, it may be

"Put on the layer that any

client side as well.

extent of the problem.

said: "The rul-

ing has cert-ainly put the cat among manage these situations.

The real bottom line, how-

fees are there to be earned and the profit motive remains one can equally assume that professional advisers will continue to test the law on what defines a conflict of interest.

TELEVISION CHOICE

ITV, 6.30pm (not Scotland)

Anybody still mourning Tiffany from EastEnders may find this upbear film about the actress who created the role suitable therapy. Or perhaps the contrast between the whining and victimised Tiff and the spirited, positive attitude Martine might interfere with the necessary suspension of disbelief next time they visit Walford. Following the actress now an aspiring (and it must be said, better-than-average) singer, over a three-month period from the last days on EastEnders, it is essentially a puff for her first record release.

The Man BBC1, 8\_30pm

pliance departments over time will have to be manned by

more and different types of peo-

ple. In the past, compliance has been seen as a quasi-legal de-partment. The argument now is that the compliance depart-

ment needs people with market experience and knowledge.

ing current fee-earning profes-

sionals into compliance off-

icers. While this may hold

horrors for some fee earners.

there are others - not least those with young families -who for lifestyle reasons will

prefer the more regulated

hours of the compliance depart-

ment to the 4am deal-doing of those at the sharper end.

The stark facts remain, how-

ever, that clients are under a

twofold threat first, that advis-

ers will not always see that

what they are doing presents a

conflict; and secondly, that

there are always ways in

which the walls can be

breached. As one professional close to the KPMG case observed: "What we had here is

KPMG partners given the option of coming on to a very big job — partners who have to

have one eye on their annual

fee billings targets.

What this means is convert-

Lenny Henry is the chap in question, a Midlands travel agent and part-time rhythm 'n' blues band singer who is convinced that he will soon hit the big time. The Oscar-nominated Marianne Jean-Baptiste plays his broody parmer. Adrian Edmondson, Morwenna Banks and John Sessions are among Henry's fallow comediant claving Edmondson, Morwenna Banks and John Sessions are among Henry's fellow comedians playing (fairly) straight in this comedy drama by Jon Carter. The nuts and bolts of the plot are unconvincing, but as the story of our hero's reluctant journey to maturity and fulfilment — via humiliation and abandonment, naturally — it is convincingly played, with Henry harnessing his puppyish eagerness to please to create a genuinely rounded and at times unsympathene character.

Moby Dick

BBC2, 8pm By the same paint-on-glass animation team that produced the Oscar-nominated Canterbury Tales, here's an heroically condensed, 30-minute adaptation, by Brian Sibley, of the Herman Melville classic. The images are vivid, sometimes frightening, sometimes charming, and move the tale very smartly along in the hands of the director, Natisha Orlova. Tim Guinee voices Ishmael, our narranor. Rod Steiger provides the gruff tones of Captain Ahab, while Burt Kwouk admirably conveys the stoic attitude of the soothsayer Fedallah.

"There was obviously a po-tential problem here, but a business decision was taken. It Just William: The 80th Anniversary was an area that had never Radio 4. 9.45am been tested and the Court of Appeal agreed that what KPMG had done was correct. They had gone to extraordinary lengths to secure the Chinese walls. It is just that in the view of the Law Lords these walls were not - potentially - secure enough."

e added: "A key potential probiem, as with major assignments in general, was that some people working on the case were very junior. It is here where there is potential for stippage. These people are junior, but they are far from stupid. In fact, in many cases, these will be highly motivated. very intelligent graduates; the type of people who when they are doing the photocopying read the information. The problem is they may not have the ex-perience or the judgment which prevents them from talk-

The problem with Chinese walls is not how high you can people can get underneath

they have seen.

ing to colleagues about what

KPMG is saying little about the case. It is taking counsel's opinion on what it means for the firm's internal systems though, privately, its argument is that the effects are not as dire as some lawyers would

According to Lovell White Durrant, the bottom line for professional advisers is: "In the event of a conflict, either don't act for the client or get consent from the client."

To many in the City, conflicts of interest are still a matter of judgment and some-thing in which the City prides itself on managing well.

Legally, however, the Law Lords have now ruled that the right of the individual to have confidence in the confidentiality of their information is uppermost, superseding the previous reasoning of the Court of Appeal, which took the commercial view that conflicts of interest do happen but that big firms can

ever, is something much more tangible. KPMG was caught bang to rights, advising in a sit-uation when it should have questioned more closely whether it should have been. For all its assignments the firm received millions of pounds in fees. After deducting the costs of unsuccessfully defending in the courts its right to act, one can safely assume that KPMG remains soundly in profit on the case.

One may wonder that while



Martine McCutcheon trades Walford for New York in This is My Moment (ITV, 6.30pm)

**Paul Zenon Turning Tricks** Channel 4, 10.40pm

The magician and illusionist Zenon takes to the Ine magician and inusionus zerion taxes to the late-night streets, bars and clubs of London, Manchester, Blackpool and Glasgow for a tour de force demonstration of in-your-face card tricks, illusions and officat humour. His skills are as baffling on-screen (and with the benefit of streets of the clearly are in second slow-motion replays) as they clearly are in person, even allowing for the inebriated state of many of his victims / collaborators.

Tony Patrick

Newcastle v Tottenham Hotspur

Sky Sports 1.7pm

Any doubts that Spurs supporters may have had Any doubts that Spurs supporters may have had about George Graham's loyalty to the club will have been purged by the Worthington Cup final victory last month. Graham has tightened the team's defence and allowed David Ginola (formerly of Newcastle), to flourish. Newcastle, however, are under-achieving in the Premiership, and Rund Gullit will want to win this match to stake a claim for a European place next autumn and to appease the fans who are becoming impatient at the lack of success. This match will serve as a rehearsal for the FA Cup semi-final later serve as a rehearsal for the FA Cup semi-final later this month. Barry O'Keeffe

RADIO CHOICE

Afternoon Play: Five Children and It Radio 4. 2.15pm

The word "enchanting" is overworked to an annoying degree in relation to stories about children but it surely does apply to this E. Nesbit classic, which evokes balmy summers and magical childhood adventures. The story concerns five children who discover, while playing one day on a beach, a strange and powerful creature who grants wishes, including the gift of flight. The resultant adventures reach into every corner of the imagination, with soaring triumphs taking their place alongside unexpected disasters as the children encounter everything from Red Indians (as they were still known in Nesbit's Edwardian times) to medieval knights on chargers and sinister robbers. Julia McKenzie plays the lead.

Peter Barnard Radio 4, 2,15p

One of two programmes today that offer the rare opportunity for parents to stay with Radio 4 without having their holidaying children demanding a switch to some other network (assuming you can get them out of bed). The Just William stories by Richmal Crompton first appeared in The Home magazine 80 years ago and if William and his gang, the Outlaws, would nowadays be more likely to be a putative rock band rehearsing in William's background, the very quaintness adds to the charm. Martin Jarvis has won awards for his interpretations of previous stories and is reading interpretations of previous stories and is reading five more each day this week, starring today with the gang's attempts to get an April Fool joke to do something other than rebound on themselves.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

5.00em Kevin Greening 8.00 Chris Moyles 1.80 Scott Mills 4.00 The Official UK Top 40 — The Year So Fer 7.00 Lurracq Live. Featuring Catalonia live 12.00 The Breezeblock 2.00em Cilve Warren 4.00 Scott Mila

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00em Seren Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Songs of the Century 2.00pm Ed Stewert 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 8.00 Big Band Special 8.30 Jools Holland 9.30 Joe Brown: Let it Rock, New

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00mm Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Brian Hayes 12.00 Midday News 1.00pm Sport on 5. Footbalt Chelses take on Leede United and Coventry City play Southampton. Rugby League. Hull Sharks v Sheffield Eagles. Racing: the Idsh-National at Feiryhouse. Cricket: fourth Test between West Indies and Australia in Antique 6.06 Str. 9.40 Wernbley Winners. New series. Peter Stater remembers great FA Cup finals 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00mm The Big Boys Breekfast 9.00 Scott Cheholm & Sally Jernes 12.00 Let's Talk Sosp 1.00pm The Sports Zone 7.00 Under the Posts 8.00 James Whale 1.00am Gordon Astley

VIRGIN

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10.30 Artist of the Week: John Tomilinson
11.00 Sound Stories: Cathedrals Richard Baker
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bartone, Malcolm Martineau, piano
2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC National Orchestra of
Wales. Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A, K622);
Schuberi (Symphony No 9 in C, Great)
4.00 Opera in Action with Graeme Kay
5.00 in Tune Sean Ratterly previews The Red Violin
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BBC WORLD SERVICE

6.00cm Sarah Lucas. The final countdown to this year's Half of Farne. The top 300 pieces of classical music as voted for by listeners to Classic FM 9.00 Henry Kelly. Continuing the Halt of Farne 11.00 Jane Jones. The top 300 countdown continues 1.00 John Brunning 3.00 Susannah Simons. More listeners' tavountes 5.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Paul Gambaccins. The No 1 Half of Farne for 1999 is revealed. Last year, Bruch's Violan Concerto in Giranor took the honours. Wit it still be there? 9.00 Half of Farne Concert. The ton three works from the Casser FM. Halt of Fame Concert. The top three works from the Classic FM Halt of Fame played in their entirety. Presented by Nichotas Tresilian 11.00 Mann at Night. Wind down with the sound of ambient music 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths. The Early Breaklast Show

month in Symphony Hall, Birmingham. The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the conductor Simon Rattle introduce and perform Nicholas Maw's Odyssey

9.35 Postacript: Cimema Apocalyptica (1/5)

10.00 Voices Iain Burnside Introduces a selection of songs written in 1938

11.00 Night Waves An extra programme each week for the late-night arts review series. Füchard Coles

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11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton presents the seven-string guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli in concert
12.00 Through the Night Includes 12.00 Faure (Apres un reve) 12.20 Bruffins (Die Zeit) 12.30 Barnsten (Candide) 12.35 Pachelbel (Aria) 12.45 Sterkel (Duet) 1.00 S. Terentjev, piano

RADIO 4

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.46 Instoure Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Smith 6.00 Today with Sue MacGregor 9.00 Start the Week Hosted by Jeremy Parman 9.45 (FM) Serial: Just William See Choice 9.45 (LW) Daily Service 9.45 (LW) Daily Service 10.00 Woman's Hour with Martin Keamey and guests 11.00 Wy Ded's Diary Journal of the Rev David Davies 11.30 Full Moon New series (1/4) 12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 12.00 (FM) News 12.04pm You amd Yours 1.00 The World at One will provided the service of the Second Mastermind General Incoviedge

1.30 Mastermind General knowledge
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4.00 The Food Programme (r)
4.30 Four Corners New series
5.00 PM with Clare English and Eddie Mair
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7.45 Diary of a Provincial Lady by E.M. Delafield (r)
8.00 Race to Do Better with Ferdinand Dennis (1/2)
8.30 Analysis with Julian Le Grand
9.00 Spring Watch New senes
9.30 Start the Week Broadcast earlier (r)
10.00 The World Tonight Justin Webb presents
10.45 Book at Beditime: Archanget Alan Howard reads par one of Robert Harris's thriller (1/10)
11.00 Late Night on 4: Plunger by Johnny Meres
11.30 Crossing Over Belinda Sylves (r)
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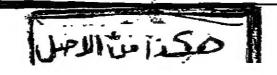
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# Sophisticated drama, but no real surprises

murder stories, it probably stood out like Ronald McDonald at a funeral. After all, the killer is generally somebody we aren't supposed to suspect, like the butler, the milkman or, in this case, the vicar.

The Dark Room (BBC1, Friday and Saturday) called itself a "psychological thriller", implying something more sophisticated and disturbing than a "whodunnit". So when that nice Reverend Simon Harris, who seemed so reasonable, turned out to be the skullfracturing psycho, seething with repressed rage, it was a bit of a letdown. Yeah, yeah, if you say so.

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This was a pity. The construction of Minette Walters's plot is extremely clever. The heroine, Jinx (unlucky name, unlucky gal) Kingsley (Dervla Kirwan) is badly injured in a road accident while apparently drunk, but has lost all nemory of how it happened.

Her best friend and her former From the strained violin chords fiancé, who were about to run off together, have been found with their heads smashed in. Her father, a self-made millionaire with a thuggish past, puts her in a discreet private clinic and tries to control her convalescence in a decidedly menacing way.

Jinx gets flashbacks of gory and sadistic violence and thinks that she may be responsible for it.

Walters neatly counterpoints the police investigation with Jinx's analysis by the psychiatrist Dr Alan Protheroe, and we wait for the two strands to converge. But the "psychological" heart of the thriller appeared to be the disturbingly claustrophobic relationship between Jinx and her father. When this turns out to be another false trail, it rather undermines the point of the psycho-drama.

The production deserves some kind of award, though, for trying so desperately hard to be stylish. and ominous piano to the minimalist interiors, everything screamed "sophistication!" All characters wore toning shades black, or deep dark blue (the new black) or dark grey (the new dark blue) - even the cops and the vicar, who probably had an Armani dog-collar.

veryone was terse and intense and utterly humourless. After a while (about five minutes, as I recall) this got a trifle wearing. I longed for Inspector Frost to saunter in in his anorak and say something sarcastic. But the executives of Birt's BBC are into designer suits and being stylish, and I expect they thought this was the business.

If you wanted an authentic psychological mystery, you would have been better off with In The Footsteps Of Bruce Chatwin (BBC2, Saturday and Sunday),

REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

another of the three two-parters which straddled the weekend. Television rarely produces significant or original art, but it can be excellent at paying tribute to it. Nicholas Shakespeare's intriguing and often moving profile of this "difficult", enigmatic writer, based on his recent biography, was as fascinating for what it could not reveal as what it

could. Even Chatwin's nearest and

dearest didn't pretend to understand him, although they didn't see that as a problem either. It was all part of the fascination.

There are many possible explanations for Charwin's chronically itchy feet. He had a massive "magpie" craving for knowledge. He was, since early childhood, fascinated by curios and exotica. Despite his brilliance he was a failure at school. He was extremely close to his mother and above all he was deeply ashamed of his homosexuality and wanted to hide it from the world. After a while this speculation

seems fatuous, and it certainly wasn't the main interest of the programme, which traced the creation of those extraordinary books. It was travel writing, but not as we knew it. Not quite fiction, not quite reportage. Chatwin used the stories of little-known communities as catalysts for a kind of anthropological speculation about the human condition.

Shakespeare interviewed many of the subjects who appeared in Chatwin's books under changed names, especially in In Patagonia and The Songlines. Often he embellished, sometimes he falsified, sometimes he photographed them with cold, unflattering accuracy, but mostly they forgave him. It was strangely moving to hear them reading his descriptions of themselves.

ost affecting was his wife Elizabeth, who said that she sometimes felt like a Tuareg slave, minding the oasis, while her master roamed in search of humanity's nomad past. She must have been terribly hurt at times by his neglect and secrecy, but she loved his mind, and she accepted the deal without self-pity or regret.

When he died of Aids, having pretended it was a rare fungal

infection, still romantically young. he took his innermost thoughts to the grave and left us five of the most distinctive books in modern literature.

Perhaps he will become a source of speculation and legend, like some Ancient British wizard, Part one of Merlin (Channel 4, Sunday) didn't bother with any tedious nonsense about truth or authenticity (how could it?). It was just old-fashioned. pyrotechnic knockabout fun.

This was just as well because a lot of the acting was awful. James Earl Jones wasn't bad as the token living rock, but Sam Neill as Merlin was much more wooden. Poor Miranda Richardson (Queen Mab) had to deliver her lines in a grating bronchial screech, while Rutger Hauer and Helena Bonham Carter opted for bestquality ham. Never mind, it was worth it for those fairies, buzzing about like dragonflies on crack.

### 88C1 7.00am News; Weather (T) (5600834) 7.10 CBBC: Postman Pat (5620698) 7.25 Silver Brumby (9154143) 7.50 Inch High

Private Eye (8586389) 8.10 Bots Master (4658679) 8.35 Goober and the Ghost Chasers (9938143) 9.00 Midas Touch (7291766) 9.25 Student Bodies (7294853) 9.55 Teletubbies (7228853) 10.20 News; Weather (T) (7573476)

10.20 News, vicable (1) (10.30 Far From Home — Adventures of 10.30 Far From Home — Adventures of 7.01)

Yellow Dog (1994) Premiere. A youngster is shipperecked and forced to survive in a hostile widemess with only his trusty hound for company. Directed by Phillip Borsos (T) (1957414)

11.50 Armie: A Royal Adventure (TVM 1995)
The heroine of the Oscar-winning musical visits England, where she uncovers a plot to destroy Buckingham Palace. . Directed by Ian Toynton (T) (8633785) 1.20pm News; Weather (1) (38406747) 1.35 Neighbours (T) (16452308)

2.00 The Really Wild Show Special The plight of wild tigers (T) (51896476) 2.25 Mary Poppins (1964) Disney musical fantasy about a nanny with magic powers. With Julie Andrews . Directed by Robert Stevenson (T) (15079476)

4.40 Final Score Results (9522698) 5.15 News; Weather (T) (2523230) 5.40 Neighbours (r) (T) (147037) 6.05 Get Your Act Together Viewers are unvited to vote in the grand final of the talent show (1) (706056)

worst floods in living memory battered the heart of England (1) (617018) 7.50 Get Your Act Together Results of the final (T) (253018)

7.00 Easter Floods: A 999 Special How the

8.00 EastEnders Roy's reckless behaviour surprises Pat (T) (9211)



Lenny Henry stars as an ambitious rhythm 'n' blues singer (8.30pm)

CRUICE The Man Soulful comedy drama about a singing travel agent with ambitions for the big time With Lenny Henry (T) (8113619) 9.50 The Bay City Rollers — Remem Profile of the band (T) (735501)

10.30 News: Weather (T) (456766) 10.50 Match of the Day Action from the FA Premiership (T) (7836872) 12.00 Four Eyes and Six Guns (TVM 1992) Western comedy, with Judge Reinhold.

Directed by Piers Haggard (1693490)

1,25am Weather (5950419) 1.30 BBC News 24 (9141506)

WALES

5.15pm-5.40 News; Wales Today (7) (2523230) 9.50-10.30 The Stereophonics: Feel the Noize (r) (T) (735501) 10.50 The Bay City Rollers — Remember? (138969) 11.30 Match of the Day (1) (556211) 12.40am FiLM: Four Eyes and Six Guns (5576709) 2.10 News; Weather (T) (5951612) 2.15-5.00 BBC News 24 (86283457)

### BBC2 7.00am The Phil Silvers Show (r) (9133650) 7.25 FILM: Random Harvest (99549650) 9.30 Legends in Light: The Photographs

of George Hurrell (75376) 10.30 FILM: lt's Always Fair Weather (20458766) 12.10pm FiLM: Easter Parade (846360) 1.50 Grandstand: Touring Cars (6907698) Grandstand: Touring Cars (casuroso)
2.35 Around the Grounds (8511292) 2.40
Motorcycling (6459211) 3.05 Swimming
(8754124) 3.25 Football Latest
(5004143) 3.39, Touring Cars (7787124)
4.20 Football Latest (5038872)

4.35 Top Gear Take Two Jeremy Clarkson and Andy Wilman race at high speed in two cars chained together (1) (2267414) 4.50 The Magnificent Showman (1964)
John Wayne stars as a circus owner
searching for the mother of a girl he has raised as his daughter. Moving drama, with Rita Hayworth. Directed by Henry Hathaway (T) (11717143)

7.00 Golf 1999 in the week of the US Masters, the BBC football pundit Alan Hansen presents a history of the prestigious annual event (T) (4476)



An animated version of Herman Melville's classic tale (8pm)

CHRICE Moby Dick Animated version of the epic tale, featuring the voice of Rod Steiger as Ahab (1) (7853) 8.30 Food and Drink Ainsley Harriott gets to grips with fruity brioche bombes and Antony Worrall Thompson prepares scented salmon on roasted root vegetables (T) (6360)

9.00 Red Dwarf Kryten takes revenge for Lister's dodgy advice on female biology. threatening to land him and Rimmer in deep disciplinary trouble (T) (5476) 9.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks With

Chrissle Hynde (T) (39105) 10.00 Face (1997) Premiere. Armed robbers enter a world of deceit and double-cross after the foot from their latest heist is stolen. Gangland thriller, starring Robert Cartyle and Ray Winstone. Directed by

Antonia Bird (685698) 11.50 Tribe The rough and ready residents of an Edinburgh council estate and a wily bunch of female Star Trek fans. Last in senes (T) (381389)

12.20am Animetion on 2 A man's love of football jeopardises his love (2436167) 12.25 Weather (2435438)

12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University: Was Anybody There? (50902) 1.00 Left and Write: Recalling the Thirties (63693) 1.30 Venice and Antwerp - Part One, The Cities Compared (73916) 2.00 Exam Revision: GCSE Bitesize Revision — Science 3. Chemistry (92235) 4.00 Languages. Espana Vival (92457) 5.00 Business and Training. Skills for Work Improving Communication (3537612) (2034070) 6.10 Duccio: The Rucella Madonna (7451322) 6.35 Open Advice - Science Skills (5362419)

### HTV: 5.30am ITV Morning News (15747) 6.00 GMTV (2135124)

9.25 CITV: Tiny Toon Adventures (7205969) 9.50 The Fantastic Voyages of Sinbad the Salior (8942495) 10.20 Timmy Towers. The Easter Special (3136230) 10.45 Percy the Park Keeper (267969) 11.15 Bugs Bunny (6683230)

11.30 Born Free (1966) True story based on the lives of Joy and George Adamson, who won international acclaim for their work with Kenyan lions, Directed by James Hill (T) (55430327)

1.15pm (TV Lunchtime News (T) (38409834) 1.29 HTV Weather (93839834) 1.30 Shortland Street (45766) 2.00 Carnival of the Animals Animated

musical adventure (T) (1643476) 2.35 Stay Tuned (1992) Zany comedy about a couple who buy a TV set from a diabolical salesman and get sucked into diabolical salesman and get sucked into a nightmarish entertainment channel run by the Devil. With John Ritter. Directed by Peter Hyams (T) (4258747) 4.05 The Electric Horseman

Sentimental drama about a washed-up former rodeo star who saves a mistreated thoroughbred horse and rides it crosscountry. With Robert Redford. Directed by Sydney Pollack (T) (20653330) 6.15 HTV News and Weather (T) (199853) 6.20 ITV Evening News (T) (644768) 6.26 HTV Crimestoppers (350940)

6.30 CHOICE Martine McCutcheon: This is My Moment The former EastEnder offers viewers a behind-thescenes look at the making of her debut single (T) (13650)

7.30 Coronation Street (T) (308) 8.00 Neighbours from Hell (r) (T) (1679)



Drama with Katie Ryder Richardson and Joanna Lumley (8.30pm)

8.30 Nancherrow Concluding part of the drama following the fortunes of Coming Home's Carey-Lewis clain in the early 1950s (2/2) (T) (57143)

10.30 Lord of the Dance: A South Bank Show Special Profile of Irish dancer Michael Flatley (r) (851308) 11.15 ITV Nightly News: Weather (T) (419501)

11.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (172853) 11.35 The Lawrimower Man (1992) A slow-witted gardener is transformed into a computer-generated megalomaniac by a virtual reality experiment. Directed by Brett Leonard (T) (447785)

1.30am Cookie (1989) A streetwise teenager wins the admiration of her gangster father. Comedy, starring Peter Falk and Emily Lloyd Directed by Susan Seidelman (318877) 3.10 World Football (r) (84737186)

3.40 You Pay Your Money (1957) A couple attempt to expose a gang stealing Arab manuscripts. Starring Honor Blackman. Directed by Maclean Rogers (3946902) 4.45 ITV Nightscreen (25317780) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (46438)

### CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 1.29pm Central Weather (93839834) 1.30 Campus Cops Captain Hingle womes

he may lose his job (45766) 6.15-6.20 Central News (199853) 11.30-11.35 Central News; Weather (172853) 1.35am The Killing Mind (TVM 1991) An

FBI-trained police officer uses her mind-reading skills to delive into a 20-year-old murder case. Psychological thriller, starring Stephanie Zimbalist Directed by Michael Ray Rhodes (969490)

3.20 World Football (82153525) 3.50 Central Jobfinder '99 (6776693) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (9896490)

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7.29-7.30 Meridian Weather (470563) 11.30-11.35 Meridian News; Weathe (172853) 5.00-5.30am Freescreen (46438)

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The Long Good Friday (r) (98363457) 1.55

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5.45am The Magic Roundabout (2465360) 5.50 Animal Alphabet (2495501) 5.55 Sesame Street (5231563)

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1.00 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (34211) 1.30 Twitchers (r) (T) (61495) 2.30 Racing from Kempton Park, New-castle and Pairyhouse From Kempton Park: The 2.35 Qual Stakes, 3.05

Magnolia Stakes, 3.40 Coral Rosebery Handicap, Stakes and the 4.10 Travelling the Turf Racecourse of the Year Hands-cap Stakes. From Newcastle: The 2.50 Best Music Metro FM Handicap Stakes and the 3.20 Magic FM Handicap Stakes. From Faryhouse: The 3.55 Jameson Irish Grand National (34292) 4.30 Countdown (1) (7758230)

4.55 Montel Williams (T) (9503563) 5.30 Pet Rescue Easter Special (T) (69327) 6.30 Hollyoaks (T) (766)



Arthurian legend (7pm)

7.00 Merlin Part two. Sam Neill stars in an epic adventure. With Miranda Richardson, Heiena Bortham Carter and Sir John Glelaud (T) (45954940)

8.50 News; Weather (T) (306969) 9.00 Roswell (TVM 1994) Dramatised Account of the Army officer Jesse Marcel's 30-year battle against the high-level cover-up of his alleged contact with an alien in the New Mexico desert. Starring Kyle MacLachlan. Directed by

Jeremy Kagan (T) (31090018) 10.40 CHOICE Paul Zenon Turning Tricks Elaborate set-ups and visual stings (980259)

11.35 Smack the Pony (r) (T) (303501) 12.05am And the Beat Goes On Ritchie does a runner on finding out he is not the lather ol Cathy's baby (2/8) (r) (2539612)

1.10 The Stege of Scotland Yard Media pressure on Sir Paul Condon following the publication of the Macpherson report Into the Lawrence Inquiry (1) (1641186) 2.15 The Long Good Friday Last year's peace agreement in Northern Ireland (r) (T) (5448709)

2.55 Dispatches (r) (T) (4350964) 3.25 The Client Reggie defends a man accused of murder (r) (4840148)

4.15 The Kid From Spain (1932) Eddie
Cantor plays a simpleton who gets
mistaken for a bullfighter. Musical
directed by Leo McCarey (638709)

### CHANNEL 5 6.00am 5 News and Sport Headines, sport

and business (5096785) 7.00 WideWorld Part two. How art and science have contributed to an understanding of the human body (r) (T) (2946501)

7.30 Milkshake! (2741259)

7.35 Dappledown Farm (r): 5 News Update

8.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (r) (2793853) 8.25 Witchworld; 5 News Update (3634679) 9.00 Ugly Duckling (TVM 1997) Animation based on the lamous fairy tale. Directed by David Elvin (2140414)

10.30 CHOMPS (1979) Children's cartoon. A young genius invents a bionic dog designed to be the world's best home-protection device. With the voice of Wesley Eure. Directed by Don Chaffey (4742563)

12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (8948292)

12.30pm Family Affairs Roy is released from prison (r) (T); 5 News Update (6388691) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Sty kidnaps Jessica and Jasmine (1) (2945872)

1.30 The Roseanne Show The outrageous comedian Roseanne hosts her own show boasting provocative interviews and hot musical acts; 5 News Update (7738132) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (2256389) 2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine,

incorporating real-life soap Liverpool Murris, Pets Go Public, and Rob Butler's word game Cryptogram, 5 News Update 3.30 Berabbas (1962) Biblical epic following the life of the thief replaced by Jesus on the Cross. Anthony Ournn and Jack

Palance star. Directed by Richard Fleischer (T) (3257308) 6.00 5 News; Weather Kirsly Young rounds up the day's stones (T) (6240969)

6.30 Family Attairs Benji delends Maggie's honour (T); 5 News Update (6224921) 7.00 Splash Too (TVM 1988) A Manhattan yuppie thes to settle down with his mermaid wife in New York, but their marital bilss is soon disturbed by the fishtailed female's efforts to save a triendly dolphin, Cornedy sequel, starring

Todd Waring, Arry Yasbeck and Donovan Scott, Directed by Greg Antonacci (T) (5374018) 8.30 The Tuskegee Airmen (TVM 1995) Second World War drama about the prejudice directed at America's first att-black fighter pilot squadron by fellow servicemen — including their own officers Starring Laurence Fishburne, John Lithgow and Malcolm-Jamai Warner. Directed by Robert Markowitz

(T): 5 News Update (4762327) 10.30 Dr Fox's Chart Update The latest pop

hits (4338143) 10.35 Tomcat: Dangerous Desires (TVM 1992) A caricer is injected with feline DNA to cure a fatel genetic imbalance. only to suffer terrifying side-effects. Adult thriller, with Richard Grieco. Directed by Paul Donovan (69550834)

12.25am Live and Dangerous: NHL American Ice Hockey Coverage of the New York Rangers at New Jersey Devils (74468457) 5.30 Beastly Britain The grey squirrel (r) (T)

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# IT experts fear Budget will spark 'brain drain'

By CHRIS AYRES

COMPUTER EXPERTS are threatening to abandon Britain because of a tax change made in Gordon Brown's Budget last month.

The change, to take effect from April 2000, will force highly paid IT consultants to become staff employees of the companies they work for, instead of charging fees through

tax-efficient "personal service com-

Financial advisers to the IT industry say that the tax change may create a devastating "brain drain" of IT professionals and do much more harm to the economy than steps by hauliers to move abroad because of fuel duty rises.

IT contractors say the change will undermine the Government's aim of boosting IT education and of making Britain "the information centre of the world". They argue that Britain already has a damag-ing shortage of IT professionals, with an estimated 50,000 jobs unfilled, although industry relies on computer experts to fix the millenni-um bug and to help it to compete

with foreign rivals. Giant Group, which advises 3,500 British IT professionals on financial matters, is one of many industry organisations giving warn-ing that computer specialists will take their skills abroad if the Government presses on with its crackdown on personal service companies. It argues that many other na-tions with shortages of IT skills already offer big tax discounts to woo foreign IT professionals. In The

Netherlands, foreign IT contractors receive a 35 per cent tax break.

Matthew Brown, chief executive of Giant, said: "We are facing a massive brain drain. Already we've been inundated with responses from individuals who say they'll simply go abroad. This means that their clients will end up having to pay more to keep them."

An Inland Revenue spokeswom-

an said that the changes to person-al service company law were not intended to hit IT consultants, but to to stop companies taking away the rights of workers by paying them freelance fees when they were effectively full-time employees.

However, a Government statement at the time of the Budget took a harder line. It said: There has for some time been general concern about the hiring of individuals through their own service companies so that they can exploit the fiscal advantages offered by a corpo-

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# Post Office poised for £1.5bn spree

By CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

THE Post Office intends to invest £1.5 billion in overseas acquisitions over the next few years to counter the growing threat of competition in its domestic market.

The organisation, which spent more than £300 million acquiring German Parcel in January, is keen to extend its influence further, with an increased stake in General Parcel high on the list of possible investments.

The Post Office has inherited German Parcel's 23 per cent stake in General Parcel, an international business with operations in 30 European countries. Neville Bain. Post Office chairman, said: "We would like to control more of that."

The organisation, which owns Royal Mail and Parcelforce, is under pressure to extend its reach into Europe prior to full liberalisation of postal services in 2003. Consolidation is already in full swing and the Post Office is a late starter; the Dutch post office has acquired TNT, while Deutsche Post has

taken a stake in DHIL. However, the Post Office's international investment plans are likely to anger consumer groups. Many believe that the Post Office should invest to improve domestic services and keep down the cost of first and

second class postage.
The takeover of German Parcel has already aroused controversy, given the Post Office's reluctance to confirm the price and precise means by which it funded the deal. Competitors have complained to the Euro-

to buy companies overseas. Mr Bain expects further consolidation in the European postal market focused around a small number of players. Increased competition and

pean Commission that the mon-

ey could not have been raised

without the backing of the Royal Mail's letters monopoly.

the German deal was financed

with reserves, commercial bor-

rowings and government loans. Mr Bain said: "Geared appro-

priately, we could finance £1.5

billion in acquisitions. We have

Key to future funding will be the Government White Paper, expected soon, which is likely

to recommend greater commer-cial freedom for the Post Office.

Last year Peter Mandelson.

then Trade and Industry Secre-

tary, announced that the Post

Office would lose its monopoly

on delivering letters costing less than El and that it would be

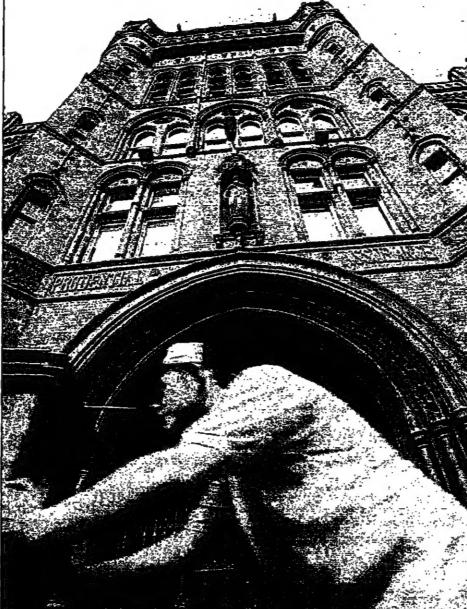
ruled by a new regulator. In re-turn the Post Office would be

able to keep a greater share of

its profits, rather than give them to the Treasury, and be allowed.

The Post Office states that

the threat of losing valuable commercial business in 2003 is likely to force the smaller European postal services into alliances with companies such as Deutsche Post or Britain's Post Office. In exchange for acting as feeders, they would secure access to a larger network. Mr Bain said: "They need a trading relationship. It would provide one system dealing with production and distribution."



Premium site: Prudential is quitting the head office building it has occupied for 129 years

### Prudential on the move

THE removal men moved in yesterday as the Prudential began to vacate its Holborn headquarters in Central London yesterday, a building it has occupied for almost 130 years (Caroline Merrell writes).

The building specifically built for the UK's biggest in-

staff are to be relocated in offices close to Cannon Street.

The listed building, which also provides offices for the Royal Bank of Scotland, was completely modernised six years ago at an estimated cost

surance company in 1870, is to of £150 million. The Queen reopened the refurbished offices be rented out and about 500 in October 1993.

A spokesman for the group said the Prudential was moving to a more modern office environment, adding that its recent restructuring meant that it no longer needed the space.

# Alaska may fight the might of BP

ALASKA may set up its own oil and gas company to chal-lenge the might of BP Amoco and Atlantic Richfield (Arco).

BP Amoco's \$27 billion (£17 billion) takeover of Arco will give the merged company 70 per cent of Alaska's oil production. As a result, the state's Governor has appointed a high-level cabinet team to review the planned takeover in an urgent attempt to protect Alaska's interests.

Drue Pearce, Alaska's Senate President, and Brian Porter, the House Speaker, said: "The fact that one company would control so large a por-tion of Alaska's oil and gas resources puts our state in a very vulnerable position."

The oil industry also accounts for 70 per cent of Alas-ka's \$2.3 billion operating

The potential domination by a foreign corporation has brought calls for action from lawmakers to force BP to sell some of its holding to ensure that competition is maintained. Some politicians have suggested that BP should be compelled to relinquish its gas interests to a state-owned company. There are fears that competition for leases on exploration acreage will be reduced. Much of the state revenue comes from bonus bids for

A Bill is now before the Alaskan legislature to establish Alaska Gas Corporation. the first step towards a stateowned company that would both market the huge but untapped gas reserves in the North Slope and challenge the private sector's dominance.

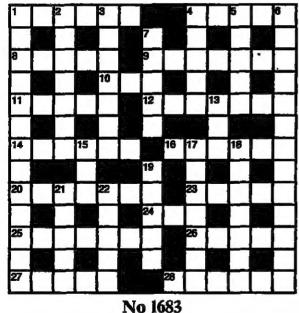
Representative Jim Whitaker, Republican Chairman of the House Special Committee on Oil and Gas, said: "In the light of the ongoing merger negotiations between BP Amoco and Arco, we may soon see less competitive North Slope operating procedures, which will likely result in a situation

less beneficial to the state."
Mr Whitaker said: "State ownership of this project is critical in order to overcome the enormous tax burden associated with private sector ownership."

BP Amoco, too, is playing up the potential of riches from gas to sway opinion in its favour. Sir John Browne, chief executive, said the deal would unlock the huge potential of Alaskan gas reserves and he offered the carrot of new technology to convert gas into liquids. He said: "We have plans to build a \$70 million piot plant on the North Slope to test that technology, and if it is successful, we will consider full-scale development."

The Federal Government in Washington will be keenly aware of the dilemma because it plans to lease a vast area of the National Petroleum Reserve in May. The highly controversial move — the land is home to huge herds of caribou as well as polar bears and mi-gratory birds — will be a test case for competition because it will take place before the BP Arco merger is concluded. BP and Arco combined will

be the largest non-state oil producer in the world, pumping four million barrels of oil and gas a day. Arco also brings with it a vast gasfield in Indonesia, with eight trillion cubic feet in reserves. The groups will have a combined market capitalisation of \$190 billion, with share listings in London and New York. In London, the company will be about a tenth of the FTSE 100 index by value.



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## Sainsbury labels OFT's work as 'inadequate'

BY PAUL ARMSTRONG

THE simmering row between food retailers and the Office of Fair Trading broke out into the open yesterday when I Sainsbury, Britain's secondlargest supermarket chain. confirmed reports that it had labelled the OFT's work as "in-

Dino Adriano, Sainsbury's chief executive, has accused the OFT of using "an experimental formula" in trying to establish whether the supermarkets were making excessive profits. The attack was contained in a leaked letter from Mr Adriano to John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading.

adequate and inconclusive".

Mr Adriano encourages Mr Bridgeman to refer the trad-ing activities of the four big supermarkets to the Monopolies and Mergers Commis-sion, saying the MMC would "confirm that competition is alive and well" in the industry. The leaking of the letter. and Sainsbury's confirmation

of its accuracy, was seen as fur-

ther evidence of the damage being inflicted on the supermarket industry's public

image by the OFT.

The watchdog, which has been investigating the industry for nine months, is expected to reveal within a fortnight whether it will hand its file to the MMC. "Your staff have struggled

for nine months to assess



supermarket profitability." Mr Adriano wrote. "That its results should prove inconclusive should come as no sur-

"Supermarket profits are not excessive, are well in line with profitability generally in the UK and the sector in continental Europe and the US." News of Mr Adriano's at-

tack comes less than a fortnight after Asda, one of Sainsbury's key competitors, was embroiled in a public row with the OFT over its profit margins.
Asda claimed that the OFT had said it had no problem

with Asda's margins, a sugges-tion which the OFT denied immediately.
The OFT has based its work on a complex formula using figures supplied by Sainsbury.

Safeway, Asda and Tesco. The complexity of the formula is believed to be responsible for the delay in the inquiry. which was due to be complete

### Mad dash to beat Pep deadline

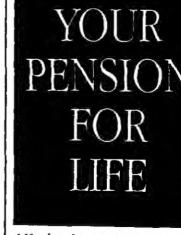
HOLIDAYS have been called off for many banking staff today as they work to process the last rush for Peps and Tessas before the midnight deadline

(Our City Staff writes).

The Halifax is opening 100 of its 800 bank branches to process the forms. The bank received more than 4,000 applications for tax exempt special savings accounts on Saturday. four times the normal amount. Personal equity plan applica-tions were also 30 per cent higher than normal.

Peps and Tessas are being abolished in favour of individual savings accounts (Isas), which offer less generous taxfree savings allowances.
The rush also comes at a

time when many people are looking to make investments before the new tax year starts. Today Don Clark, managing director of the firm of Torquil Clark, will deliver Pep applications worth more than £25 million by helicopter to fund management companies including Perpetual, Gartmore, Fidelity. Jupiter and Invesco.



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# BA launches travel loan service

BY CAROLINE MERRELL BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH AIRWAYS is to become the first airline to offer travel loans to its customers. The travel loans, from £500 to £15.000. available from tomorrow, will eventually be available from all of the air-line's travel shops across the UK. Initially, the service. British Airways

Travel Finance, will be offered from six

of the airline's shops around the country.

that the loan operation was not a prelude

A spokesman for BA said yesterday

to the launch of a bank, but indicated that further financial initiatives were being considered. Martin George, BA's director of marketing, said: "British Airways is the first airline to pioneer travel loans. This is a unique service which will make planning your flight or holiday easier

British Airways has about 41 million customers worldwide, including 600,000 executive club members in the UK and 25 million throughout the world.

The airline will offer two options for repaying the loan. Under the interestfree option, borrowers pay a 10 per cent deposit, with the rest of the instalments spread over three months. If they choose to spread the repayments over 12 months or 23 months, the loans attract interest rates of 15.9 per cent or 14.9 per cent, respectively.

The British Airways Financial Services

division was launched three years ago. It offers travel insurance with GE Capital Travel Insurance Services, joint branded foreign currency and traveller's cheques through Travelex, and credit charge cards in seven countries.